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MME. HACKLEY TO RETURN CONVENTION WEEK

HARRISON EMANUEL TO GIVE RECITAL

Major R. R. Jackson a Candidate for the Legislature—Business League Elect Officers—Cary B. Lewis to Make Southern Trip.

(By Cary B. Lewis.)

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 9.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The citizens of Chicago are beginning to think of the manner of entertainment for the delegates and visitors to the National Republican convention. Every four years, thousands of people come to Chicago in the spring of the year, especially when the convention meets in this city. Chicago offers splendid inducement for all kinds of amusement, public and otherwise, but this year, a bigger social affair than ever is expected to be planned on a higher order.

Madame Hackley to Return.

The report has reached here from the State of Texas, where Madame E. Azalia Hackley is giving concerts, to the effect that Mrs. Hackley expects to return to Chicago to engage in musical work and to organize a monster chorus and render selections from folklore numbers and from masters of other races.

It will be remembered that Madame Hackley was in Chicago last fall and gave one of the biggest musicals that was ever given in the "Windy City." She was the first to engage Orchestra hall by a member of the colored race and packed that "Temple of Art."

Many requests have been made by those closest to Madame Hackley that she return to Chicago to help raise the standard of musical knowledge ana give instructions to those having a desire to further their musical ability.

Madame "Made Good."

While in Chicago, Madame Hackley more than "made good." She gave three weeks of her time to the instruction of a number of pupils at Instiutional church, and this was a free will offering to the young people. This attracted more than ordinary attention and praiseworthy comment. At the recital, she gave complimentary tickets to the Children of the Colored Orphans' Home and the nurses at Provident hospital and to ministers of the city. She was equally as free with the editors and newspaper men of the city.

Besides this, she gave one of the finest and most satisfactory musicals that was ever given here. The daily and weekly papers were highly pleased with the entertainment and all declared that "she was to the musical world what Booker T. Washington is to the industrial world."

As to the form of the musical that the Madame will give is not known, but it is generally agreed that whatever she does will be applauded both by Chicago people and visitors.

Since her coming here it has been noticed that the appreciation for good high class music has been very much advanced. The Danabegay, Choral Study Club, Glee Club and other musical organizations have increased their patronage since Madame Hackley aroused such an interest in music.

Harrison Emanuel.

Young Harrison Emanuel will give a violin recital on January 29 at Kimble hall, one of the musiacl centers of Chicago. Mr. Harrison is the pride of Chicago and is attending Chicago Conservatory of Music and has made wonderful advances in violin music. He will be assisted by Madam Marie Burton-Hyram. Quite a number of the society people and music lovers are planning to go in large numbers. Mr. Emanuel deserves a large patronage. Both white and colored will attend.

Politics.

From very reliable information, Major R. R. Jackson, head of the Knights of Pythias, will be a candidate for the legislature of the Second district.

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Word comes that Hon. Bearguard Moseley, a prominent lawyer and progressive, will be a candidate for county commissioner, and Lieutenant McGowan, of the West Side, is a candidate for the same position. With the last two named gentleman, this will make six for the same place, and report runs that Frank Leland will again be a candidate. Things are expected to be pretty lively politically. The progressives, Lorimerites and regulars will figure in the nomination of these candidates. Who will be the winner remains to be seen after the primary and election.

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Already reports have been going the rounds in certain political quarters to the effect that a man from Illinois must have the place of registrar of the United States treasury. Hon. E. H. Morris, Ferdinand L. Barnett, S. Lang Williams and Hon. Edward Green are being mentioned for the place of Cyrus Adams.

Business League.

The local Negro Business Men's League met last Wednesday night and elected the following officers: Dr. Geo. C. Hall, president; S. Lang Williams, vice president; Wm. D. Neighbors, secretary; Geo. P. Smith, treasurer. Dr. Hall delivered a stirring address, stating the growth of the league and its benefits. He made references to the national league and how it has aided the Negro in business. Mr. Wm. D. Neighbors, re-elected secretary, made his report. He said among other things: "The year of 1911 has been the most prosperous year that the league has experienced since its re-organization in July, 1909. Financially the league has not been prosperous, but it has been a year, fruitful in results which has placed Chicago in the front ranks of the local leagues of this country." He spoke of the average attendance and the support given each member. He referred to the local body entertaining Dr. Booker T. Washington and the monster meeting held at Bethel church last summer. He also spoke of the coming meeting of the national body to this city in August.

A Southern Trip.

Mr. Cary B. Lewis, of the Illinois Chronicle, and six years a staff writer on The Freeman, will in all probability make a tour of the South the first of February. He will stop for a week or more at Nashville, Tenn., where Dr. Dan Williams will conduct a week's clinic at the great Meharry Medical College. He will visit all the schools and colleges and business men. His visit will be specially to give a "story" on what he sees and those he meets. Memphis, Little Rock and Jackson are among the cities on his itinerary, stopping at his home to see relatives, friends and Col. Henry Watterson.

Julius F. Taylor.

Mr. Julius F. Taylor, editor of the Chicago Broadax, is being highly praised for the very excellent edition of the Christmas number of his paper. For sixteen years his paper has come out regularly every week and on each Christmas a special number is issued with splendid illustrations and live newsy matter. Mr. Taylor is regarded as one of the most fearless and independent editors of this country. His last number showed thrift, industry, and newspaper ability.

Investigation.

The police investigation and zero weather have put Chicago on a "bomb." Never before in the history of the city have things been so dull. The business men are "kicking" and there seems to be no better signs of good times for several months to come. Many strange things have been brought to light, but it is expected that when it is all over times will be better.

New Song Out.

Another new song will be out soon from the versatile pen of Mr. Alfred Anderson, clerk of Provident hospital. He is the author of "If I Forget" and a dozen other high class songs that have been big sellers. "Don't Trifle With My Heart" is the name of the new song and the music is by Mr. Harry Dixon. Music publishers report that it will be a tremendous seller.

Appomattox Club.

The annual installation of officers was held at the Appomattox Club on last Saturday night. While the thermometer registered 15 degrees below zero, this did not deter a large number of members being present. Assistant County Attorney "Louie B. Anderson installed the following officers W. C. Cowan, president; R. I. Collins, vice president; Col. J. H. Johnson, secretary; Geo. Patterson, corresponding secretary; H. S. Anderson, treasurer. Following the installation, speeches were delivered by the elective officers and other members of the club. Col. Alex. Stephens, known far and wide as a course dinner server, had charge of the dining room, where a sumptuous supper was served. All present were greatly pleased with the starting of the new year of the famous Appomattox Club.

Churches.

"Deck of Fifty-two Cards" was the text of Mrs. Howard, who has been conducting a series of revivals at Walter's A. M. E. Zion church, Thirty-eighth and Dearborn streets. On Monday night of this week, her farewell sermon was "I Have Fought a Good Fight." The weather was several degrees below zero, but this did not keep the church from being crowded. Mrs. Howard came here several weeks ago and as an evangelist, began to preach to sinners. It was reported that over one hundred had been converted.

Dr. D. P. Roberts is the choice of the Iowa and Illinois conference for bishop. Dr. Roberts is pastor of Bethel A. M. E. church, and is one of the most highly respected ministers in this section of the country. More will be said of him in another issue.

Mrs. Martha Anderson is expected in the city this week from a trip East.

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Hon. B. F. Moseley is said to have all the baseball players and fans with him in his candidacy for county commissioner.

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Mr. A. N. Fields, ex-editor of the Illinois Chronicle, is about to complete a course of law under Hon. T. L. Barnett.

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Miss Marybell Spinks has returned to Wilberforce University, after spending the holidays with her cousin, Miss Cecelia A. Riley, in Wentworth avenue.

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Mr. Mercer Mitchell entertained with a birthday party on Monday night of this week at his residence, 3213 La Salle street. Whist, refreshments and music were the features of the evening.

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The extreme cold weather has caused a slump in social affairs. But very few, if any, parties have been given since the cold weather has set in, and people are remaining in their steam heated flats, giving instructions to their janitor to "fire up."

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Miss Leno Daugherty, 6609 Vincennes avenue, gave a box party at the Blackstone theater, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Payne, of Kansas City, Mo., who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Moseley. Mr. and Mrs. Payne were also given a seven-course dinner by Mrs. John H. Daugherty. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Henry oJnes, Mr. and Mrs. Warren and Mrs. B. F. Moseley.

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Mr. Howard F. Catlin, the cigar manufacturer, is one of the leading men of the Appomattox Club. He attended the installation of officers on last Saturday night. When the meeting was over, he selected Mr. Geo. Holt, the well-known business man, to go home with him. They started from Wabash avenue to State street. The car was in sight going north toward Thirtieth street, but Catlin said to Mr. Holt that he would walk. The thermometer registered 16 degrees below zero, but this was not realized after just coming out of the warm club room. Mr. Holt maintained that they ride, but Catlin said walk. They did, and as a result, Mr. Holt had his right ear frost bitten. Mr. Holt has not seen Mr. Catlin since—but wait. A number of other citizens have reported ear, nost and toe frost bites.

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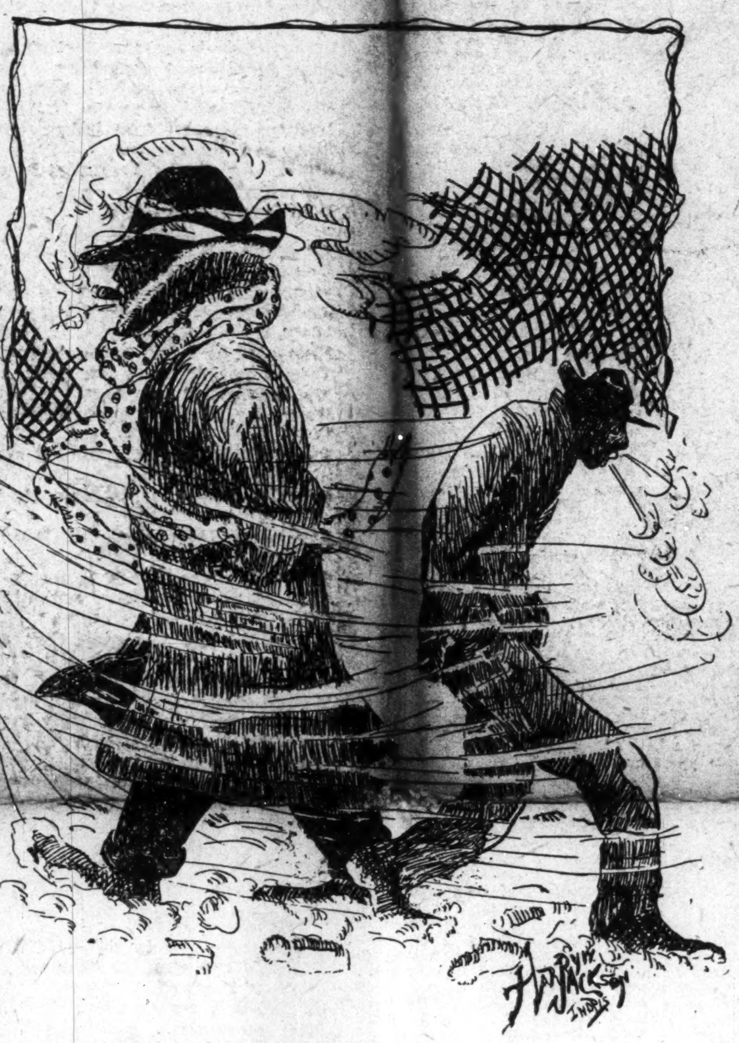
Mr. J. Hockley Smiley is doing some gilt edge work on the Chicago Defender. Mr. Smiley comes from one of the oldest and most highly respected families of the city. For the past several months he has been the associate editor of the Chicago Defender and his article on Christmas and Provident hospital and the Eighth Regiment ball was a hummer. Mr. Smiley, Messrs. R. S. Abbott, Wm. D. Neighbors, Julius F. Taylor, S. B. Turner, Rev. A. J. Carey and other newspaper men will be called together soon to make some plans for the entertainment of the National Negro Press Association, which meets in this city in August.

The Ant and the Grasshopper.



The summer long, one hustled, the other sang;
One saved, the other spent. Which is which? Which is you?

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Ward, D. D., of Indianapolis, will be in Muncie to help in the revival meeting at Calvary Baptist Church. The first Sunday in February will be the day for the baptizing of members. The baptisms will take place at Calvary Baptist Church. ....Mr. Marsh McCray is doing excellent in his business at the Favorite Ice Cream Parlor....All who wish to have clothes made to order, pressing or repairing done should call on Mr. Willis Burdens, the tailor, in South Walnut street....All strangers wishing accommodations over night should stop at the Pekin Hotel. Mr. Alexander Kelley is proprietor....The First Baptist Church of Whitely was dedicated Sunday. It one of the modern churches in Muncie. Rev. McWilliams is a very proud man of the work he is doing for the people of Whitely....Walter Jefferson, second cook at the Kirby Hotel, has returned to Dayton, Ohio, to work. ....It is no joke to be confined to your home for three weeks on account of a severe cold. Miss Lilia Burnam is still confined to her home with a severe cold. ....The Elevation Club will give its first annual banquet and ball on the 22nd of this month. It promises to give the swellest affair of the season....Muncie is now the mecca for the Indianapolis and Urbana, Ohio, colored musicians. They are here every week playing for dances. Why not start something like that here?

PEORIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Julia Walton left Sunday noon for her home in St. Louis. Miss Walton has been the guest of Miss Freda Harrison the past ten days....There was a great deal of suffering among the poor people of Peoria, last Sunday, caused by the intense cold, the thermometer registering as low as 17 below zero....As the rain fell in torrents last Friday week, John Williams was about as far from terra firma as his house roof would permit, covering a leak. Of course, it doesn't leak when it isn't raining—but that would be another story....The 14th, St. Valentine day, is the day set for the opening of Peoria's new hotel, the Jefferson. This is to be the best and finest equipped hostelry in the State outside of Chicago. Looking at the subject from where I sit, I don't think there will be anything doing as far as colored waiters are concerned. ....As the result of inhaling a few cubic feet of coal gas, Mr. Geo. B. Vashon is at present under the care of a physician. Last Saturday night, after retiring, Mr. Vashon awoke, to find the door of his stove had come open, letting the gas escape into the room, with the result as stated above....After offering two policemen $10,000 reward for the return of an imaginary mansion, Geo. Gilbert was taken to the city jail, where he was found to be of unsound mind and sent to the State's asylum for the insane at Bartonville. This happened one day last week and makes the second colored man to be sent to that institution from this city in ten days.

ADDYSTON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The members of the Temple Mission Literary and Debating Society will celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday, February 14, at S. H. Pillow's Hall. The program is being arranged by Rev. Oscar Lucas and C. N. Hawkins....Mr. Aaron Johnson, proprietor of the Magnolia barber shop, left Wednesday evening for a visit of several weeks among relatives at Helena, Ark., and Gaine's Landing, Ark. During his absence Mr. Horace Hicks and Mr. John Morten will look after his business interests....The stork visited the residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Clendening, Sunday morning, and left a fine baby boy....Toney H. Whitson, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Whitson, was found dead in bed Monday morning, at 4:30....Remember, The Freeman is on sale at the Dunbar News Agency, High street.

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Quarterly meeting will be held at the Arnett Chapel Sunday, January 14. Presiding Elder C. E. Allen will preach at 10:30 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. Communion at 3 o'clock in the afternoon....The Aid Society of the church gave a sacred concert last Sunday evening. Mrs. Agnes Goings was mistress of ceremonies.... Parents' Day will be observed by Arnett Chapel Sunday School the last Sunday in January....Miss Mary Boyd is quite ill at her home....Miss Theolia Ford returned to the Ypsilanti Normal School, having spent the holidays with her parents....Mrs. Grace Sims, who spent the holidays with her sister, left for Detroit last week....Mrs. T. Evans, of 31 Miller street, has opened a boarding house.... The K. of P.'s will give a grand ball on January 18....Mr. and Mrs. Jones, of William street, are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby boy.

COLUMBUS, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Santa Claus visited the Sunday school of the A. M. E. Church, New Years. We have nine classes in our Sunday school and are progressing rapidly.....Master Claudius Montgomery spent Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Montgomery. He has returned to school at Lane College, Jackson, Tenn....Mrs. Tena Barham and Richard Nevels spent Christmas with their sister, Mrs. Zodie Johnson....Mrs. Georgia Stark spent Christmas in Union City, Tenn....Rev. P. T. Rice, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., preached at the A. M. E. Church, Thursday night. ....Mr. General Harris is on the sick list....Mr. Harry Wynn is on the sick list....Mr. Ernest Moore spent several days with relatives and has returned to his home in New Madrid, Mo.....Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hurt spent Christmas in Grand Chain, Ill., with his mother.

PAST WEEK AT LOUISVILLE

"OUR MERCIFUL SAVIOR" CHURCH DESTROYED

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A Kind Word for J. W. Reiss, an Enterprising Merchant—Clay-Lewis Hotel Soon to be Erected—Zero Weather Provails.

By Lee L. Brown.
(1006 West Chestnut Street.)

LOUISVILE, Ky., Special.

We regret to announce to our readers the very sad intelligence of the destruction by fire of Our Merciful Savior Church, which has stood for over fifty years at the corner of Eleventh and Walnut streets. It was one of the old landmarks in that section of the city. Recently a new pipe organ was installed and dedicated on Christmas morning. The interior had been recently decorated. The entire interior of the building was destroyed by fire Sunday afternoon. It is estimated that the loss will reach $20,000, including the $3,000 pipe organ. Little has been learned of the origin of the fire, but it is the opinion of many that it was caused by a defective flue, while others say from crossed wires. Rev. Leroy Ferguson is the rector of the church. The fire department was hindered in its work on account of the cold weather that prevailed.

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At a meeting of the Colored Teachers Association, which met at the Central High School building last week, quite an interesting program was rendered. Among the speakers were Prof. Wm. Perry, principal of Western School. His subject was "History and Methods.' Mr. William Evans talked on "Drawing." Prof. C. W. Houser gave an interesting report of the recent teachers' meeting, which was held during the Christmas week in Paris, Ky. Miss M. B. Anderson read a paper on "Home Economics." The musical program was in charge of Miss Mildred Bryant.

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We desire to call special attention to a white business man in this city who believes in advertising. We have reference to J. W. Reiss who conducts a grocery store at the corner of Ninth and Walnut streets. Wherever a colored paper is to be found in Louisville the advertisement of this merchant is to be found. He never says "No" to anyone who seeks his advertisement. His large business has been built largely upon colored trade. He believes in showing his appreciation. We have known him for a long time and have always found him to be the same courteous merchant. In all of the recent church bazaars given in this city you will find his name in a very conspicuous place. He believes in constantly keeping his name before the public. In the Christmas issue of this paper his name was mentioned in a very attractive advertisement.

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The proposed Clay-Lewis Hotel, according to plans announced in the daily papers this week, will be erected at the corner of West and Chestnut streets. We are all waiting with anxious eyes to see this building in the course of erection.

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Says one of the local daily papers: "The coldest weather experienced in this city was last Sunday. The mercury has not dropped below the zero mark since February 7, 1906. When one degree below zero was reached on January 25, 1905, the temperature fell to three degrees below zero. There is much suffering in Louisville at the present time. Col. John Whallen has opened up a special supply house where provisions are issued to the poor."

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The Freeman is on sale at Miss Katie Tindull's, Tenth and Chestnut streets.

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The Cane Club held a business meeting Thursday evening at the Dudley Memorial Building.

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Rev. C. H. Parrish, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, left this week for New York City to attend a special meeting at Grover Long Island.

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At this writing Mss. Lizzie Wilholt is very ill at the Red Cross Sanitarium.

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We sympathize with the pastor and members of the Merciful Savior Church in the destruction of their church last Sunday by fire.

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There is a revival in progress at the Quinn Chapel Church under the direction of Rev. Thomas.

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Bowman & Wilkins are moving this week into their new quarters on West Chestnut street.

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We have received the information that Prof. Delaney, principal of the colored blind school in this city, is very ill.

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Miss Mamie Kennedy, daughter of Rev. P. H. Kennedy, who is well known all over the State of eKntucky, is very ill at Henderson, Ky.

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The night schools have opened with a full attendance in spite of the bitter cold weather.

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Mrs. Lucy Brown received a special message from Midway, Ky., of the death of her cousin, Mrs. Jane Rivers, who was buried last Sunday.

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In the near futore, if it pleases the colored bosiness men of Frankfort, we are going to pay that city a special visit at which time we will be glad to see what Frankfort is doing along the lines of industry. We will give our report in the columns of this paper. We are from Missouri.

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The Douglass Debating Club met last week in the auditorium of the library under the direction of Mr. Thomas F. Blue. They expect to announce in the near future a very excellent program.

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Taylor and Taylor, mother and son, well known to Louisville theatergoers, left this week for the Crown Garden, Indianapolis, where they have a week's engagement.

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The Louisville Defender should be complimented in securing the services of Dr. Manuel as a member of its advertising staff. The doctor knows his business when it comes to securing advertisements.

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Mr. George Brown gave a stag Thursday night, January 4, 1912, in honor of Mr. Wright Yarnell of Brooklyn, N. Y. Those present were Messrs. Geo. Slaughter, Geo. Pierce, Tom Rudd, Bristol Morris, Silas Morris and Geo. Brown.

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Mrs. Blanche Redd, 430 South Brook street, entertained New Years Eve in honor of Mrs. Belle Smith, of Indianapolis, with dinner. Those present were Mrs. Belle Smith and husband, Mesdames Davis, Thompson, Riggs, Brown, Redd; Messrs. Pierce, Meally, Greenfield and Master Geo. Redd.

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Mrs. Josephine Brown, of 317 South Hancock street, entertained New Years Day in honor of Mrs. Belle Smith, of Indianapolis. Those present were: Mesdames Riggs, Beaumont, Redd, Brown and Smith; Messrs. Smith, Hay and Glenn.

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Mr. Philo C. Dix, state secretary of the Kentucky Y. M. C. A., addressed the colored department of the Y. M. C. A. last Sunday. Next Sunday Mr. John Wheat will speak on the subject of "Responsibility and Opportunity of the Organization."

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We hope in the near future to give to our readers facts in reference to our business and professional men. There are so many fish jumping up here and there who imagine themselves as large and as great as Louisville along industrial lines. Look out for the special write-up!

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Mrs. Katie Marshall Morehead and Mr. John Lovelle Dorsey, of Cincinnati, were the guests of honor of Miss Katie Brown, in South Second street, to a theater party and supper Wednesday night. Those present were: Mrs. Morehead, Misses Ida Lee, Lillian Prosser, Rebecca Guest, Messrs. Clinton Martin, Claude Woodward, Eugene Philipping and John Dorsey.

BOWLING GREEN, KY.

(By J. F. Moxley.)

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The citizens were greatly shocked when the death of Miss E. B. Mitchell was announced in the city papers, knowing of her illness but not expecting her death. I esteem it a privilege as well as a duty to pay a tribute to the memory of such a noble Christian woman as Miss Mitchell. She possessed great qualities of mind and heart which made her a favorite among the people. Miss Mitchell was born at Paducah, Ky., August 10, 1886. She received her diploma from the State University and Kansas City Summer School. She served as teacher one year in the Bowling Green Academy and three years and seven months in the State Street Public Schools, and had to give up her position on account of ill health. She continued to grow worse until the end came on December 30, 1911.

The funeral services were held at the State Street Baptist Church, the Rev. C. H. Parrish, of Louisville, Ky., officiating. He used as a scripture lesson the sixth chapter of Phillipian letter. Many beautiful tributes were presented from distant cities and one from the high school and one from the church. Miss Coleman and Mrs. M. L. Broks, of Frankfort, were in attendance at the funeral. The Art Club and Sunday school gave a beautiful design, as well as many others. The lady teachers of the public school were flowerbearers—Miss M. C. Slaughter, Miss Mary V. Richey, Miss Frankie B. Watson, Mrs. Lena Jackson. The gentlemen teachers acted as pallbearers and were as follows: Prof. C. T. Clark, principal; Prof. F. S. Coleman and Prof. Clarence Shobe. The entire school paid a humble tribute to the memory of their departed instructor.

The funeral services lasted from 1 to 4:30 p. m. The entire city mourns the death of the young lady and sympathizes with the bereaved members of the family. Many telegrams were received expressing sympathy.

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Mrs. H. E. Moxley is on the sick list at her home, 626 Fourth street....A report of the progress of the colored people of this city will appear in these columns in the near future.

CENTRALIA, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. John Jones, of Cobbden, Ill., was here last week visiting with relatives and friends....Mrs. M. Cross, of Mound City, Ill., is here visiting relatives and friends. ....Mrs. B. Hite is on the sick list.... Mrs. B. Coleman is on the sick list.... Mrs. Banaugh, of Mounds, Ill., is here visiting her husband, who works in the I. C. railroad shops....Miss Simpson, of Chicago, is here visiting relatives and friends....A family by the name of Herron, of Holly Springs, Miss., has moved to Centralia to make their future home. They say they got tired of the Vardaman government....It is said that Mr. Clayton Arnold has falen heir to considerable money. Mr. Arnold has employed attorneys to locate Jim Boyer....Mr. W. Jones, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., is here visiting relatives and friends....Mrs. W. Brock has opened up a hair dressing and manufacturing establishment. She is doing a good business....Mr. B. Barken has just arrived home from Chicago, where he has been visiting friends....Mr. Ralph Toran, the leading musician, has departed for St. Louis, Mo., where his home is....Mrs. Gregory, of Decatur, Ill.; Mrs. Gilles, of Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Mrs. White, of Mt. Vernon, Ill.; Mrs. Lander, of Cairo, Ill., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. Callaway.

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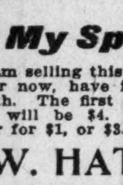

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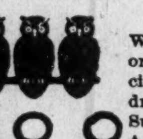

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(By John R. Winston.)

Special to The Freeman.

Fellow railroadmen, you are acquainted with the peculiar circumstances of the recent election, which have resulted in affording me the opportunity of addressing you at this time. You have heard the exposition of the principles which will direct me in the fulfillment of the high and solemn trust imposed upon me in this station. Less possessed of your confidence in advance than an union gotten up for our race, I am deeply conscious of the prospect that I stand, more and oftener, in need of your indulgence.

Institutions upright and pure, a heart devoted to the welfare of our union and the unceasing application of all the faculties allotted to me to her service, are all the pledges that I can give for the faithful performance of the arduous duties I am to undertake to the guidance of the legislative councils.

To friendly co-operation of the respective state governments, to the candid and liberal support of the railroad companies so far as it may be deserved by honest industry and zeal, I shall look for whatever success may attend my services as president of the Colored Railroad Men's Union of Illinois; and knowing that, except the Almighty keep the union, the city, the watchman awake but in vain, with fervent supplication for his favor, to his overruling providence, I commit with humble but fearless confidence my own fate and the future destines of our Colored Railroad Men's Union.

President Abel is the right man in the right place, and his speech sounds good to the corresponding secretary and reporter for the union; some the colored railroad men should of had thirty years or omre ago.

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Special to The Freeman.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 2.—In presenting the name of James A. McDonald, 236 Grand street, Jersey City, N. J., to the readers of The Freeman, it is with pleasure, because I know his worth and merit. He is a young man of push who is always with his race. In his position he knows no race or color in his duty of fair play to all, nor do I say this because he is a railroad dining car waiter and vice-president of the Colored Railroad Men's Union of Illinois, true and loyal, but it is the comment of every man, woman and child that knows him.

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Mr. T. J. Garrity, 4550 Evans avenue, is in the passenger service of the C., B. & Q. Railroad Company, between Chicago and Denver, Colo., on a buffet smoker, and has been for the past nine years.

Mr. J. R. Winston, 4015 Cottage Grove avenue, was in Minneapolis, Minn., December 27 in service of the Chicago Great Western Railway Company, as a train porter in E. L. Farrington's place, who was off to bury his sister, who died Xmas eve.

Mr. J. P. Harris, 219 East 88th street, New York City, N. Y., was in Chicago December 25, over the Wabash Railway Company lines in Pullman service.

Mr. M. L. Carington, 85 Tremont street, Cambridge, Mass., was in Chicago from Boston, Mass., December 25, over the Wabash Railway Company lines in Pullman service.

Pride alone should keep men from parlors where women waitresses are employed, where strong drinks are sold. In the first place they are there to rope men in for their money and hand it over to some P-Eye. Do you catch the hint?

Our Colored Railroad Men's Union is under way fast.

Mr. Ed Shelton is on the Southwestern division of the Chicago Great Western Railroad Company as a dining car waiter. Mr. Shelton says everything is peaches and cream and sometimes "Roses."

The once popular club of the South Side for the railroad men has almost gone to the wall under the present female management. The Bachelors' Club, 4704 State street,, has turned out to be a honkey tonk dump proper.

There should not be a railroad man in the United States without The Freeman in his home.

Mr. Daniel F. Carter, 4657 Armour avenue, formerly of the city of Indianapolis, Ind., who has the honor of being the chief mixologist at the Bachelor's Club, 4704 State street, Chicago, had added his name to the long list of subscribers of The Freeman for one year for his residence.

Mr. Charley Anderson, 5200 Dearborn street, is in the service of the Pullman company, over the Soo Lines to Duluth, Minn.

Mr. Charley Jackson, the pianist, is in the service of the C., B. & Q. Railroad Company, in the dining car service, to Lincoln, Neb.

If you want all the news read The Freeman.

If you want The Freeman for one year from January 1 to 31, send me one dollar. So do not hesitate. It will be just too late after January 31. Address John R. Winston, 4015 Cottage Grove avenue, Chicago, Ill.

Messrs. R. E. Coleman, Franklin Wise, Samuel Simmons, Frank Everett were in Chicago December 28, from New York, in service of the Erie R. R. Co. in the dining car service.

Mr. J. A. McDonald, 236 Grand street, Jersey City, N. J., the prize waiter and the old standby of the Erie R. R. Co., is in Chicago every Friday from New York.

The Freeman is on sale for a few more days for $1.00 a year.

Mr. Richard E. Coleman. 203 West Ninety-eighth street, is in the dining car service of the Erie Railroad Company, as a waiter, to Chicago, also Mr. Frank Wise, of New York.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Sealie Parker has arrived home from Kalamazoo, Mich., where she has been visiting friends very nearly all summer and part of the winter. She had a pleasant trip and enjoyed good health.... Mr. Kip Taylor, agent for The Freeman, sends his best regards to all of his Evansville friends and K. of P. brothers. 302 Fifth street, Logansport, Ind.... Miss Georgia Carter, of Indianapolis, spent New Years with her brother and sister, Mr. Jay Means and Miss Tora Knox.... We, the Owls, an organization of young colored men, wish you a Happy New Year and many of them. Watch us hoot. We are new and with a new year will grow. Mr. Hesha Berry, our excellent treasurer, entertained the club at his residence, 830 Race street. An excellent dinner, thanks to the culinary art of Mrs. Berry, of turkey and accompanying courses, was served The evening was pleasantly spent. The speeches were made by our president, Mr. Roy Jackson, and Mr. Walter McNary, our vice president. The clubs future was pledged in wine and toasts. The Owls are Roy Jackson, president; Russell Lett, Livy Kilgore, Cornel Pritchet, Walter McNary, vice president; Hesha Berry, treasurer; E. Sylvester Jeffries, secretary.... Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Means delightfully entertained at six o'clock dinner Christmas evening. Covers were laid for ten. Music and dancing were indulged in until the wee small hours of the morning, then they all departed, declaring Mr. and Mrs. Means royal entertainers.... The Theata Sigma E. T. A. gave a private dance Wednesday night, December 27, 1911. The house was darkened while they were dancing and all kinds of flash lights were thrown on them and their costumes while dancing; punch was served and everybody went home in their carriages, overjoyed from a nice pleasant evening spent at the G. A. R. hall. There were visitors from Lima, Chicago and Columbus. The committee in charge was Cecil Carter, John Parker, John Harris, George Parker, Ollie Harvey, Russell Lett, Floyd Hill.... Elder White, pastor of the Meddis church, and his wife have been on the sick list for a few days, but all hope for their improvement.... Everybody had a nice enjoyable Christmas, meeting friends in and out of the city.... Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brooks,fi on Tuesday evening, December 26, an eight and a half pound boy.... Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Tyler entertained a number of their friends and relatives at a Christmas dinner, the affair being complimentary to their brother from Fort Bayard, N. Mex. The guests for dinner were Chas. A. Tyler, of Ft. Bayard, N. Mex.; Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Lewis, of Logansport; Mr. Roy Jackson, of Lima, O.; Mr. Sam Rogers, Arkansas.

ADDYSTON, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Robert Bell has returned from Pittsburgh, Pa., where he was called on account of the death of the infant child of his daughter.... Mrs. Ellen Wilson was taken seriously ill Saturday evening, while out shopping, and had to be assisted nome. She was taken to the residence of Mrs. Georgia Neal, a neighbor. Dr. J. B. Hannah was called and medical attention given. At the present writing she has slightly improved.... The funeral of James Payne was held Friday afternoon at 2:30, from the First Baptist Church. Rev. Geo. Lewis officiated. The deceased was born at Lynchburg, Va., March 16, 1856. He was an old resident of the village. Seventeen years of his life were spent in the uplift of his race. He was a member of the C. M. E. Church and a member of the Knights of Pythias and Knights and Ladies of Honor. The funeral was very impressive. The K. of P. Band of Cincinnati escorted the remains to the cemetery. Both lodges were out in excellent form and made a nice showing. Rankin Bros., colored, of Cincinnati, had charge of the funeral. A wife, one sister and a stepson are left to mourn the deceased. Interment was in the Cleves cemetery.

DENISON, TEX.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

A great revival is now going on at the Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Services are conducted by Rev. Dr. J. L. Griffin, national evangelist. White and colored are attending these meetings. At this writing we have raised $100. Dr. Griffin preached the sermons, as follows: First, "The Preacher's Son Among Gamblers;" second, "The Mother's Love;" third, "Quit Your Meanness, Attend to Your Own Business, and You Will Have No Competitors." Dr. Griffin will preach in Sherman, Denton, Tex., and Shreveport, La.

WEST BADEN, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Miss Edna Wise is visiting the famous French Lick Springs and is the guest of Mrs. Naklins. She is being highly entertained by Mr. Earl Barr with whist parties and other social functions. She will return to her home in Louisville Wednesday evening.

SHEFFIELD, ALA. NOTES.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Messrs. Alfred, Tyler, Bennie Parkham spent Xmas in Memphis, Tenn.... Mr. Chas. Daniel entertained quite a number of young men on Xmas day at his quarters at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Dennis, and an enjoyable time was spent by those present.... Mr. Mark Rutland has returned from Cherokee, where he was called to attend the funeral of his father, Mr. Henry Rutland, who died December 27, 1911. He leaves three sons and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

LANCASTER, KY.

SPECIAL TO THE FREEMAN.

Mr. John Ervine and wife, of Cincinnati, were visitors in our city during the holidays.... Miss Ethel Duncan has returned to her school in Cincinnati, after spending Christmas with her parents...... Master Lawrence Ducan is very ill with typhoid fever...... Mrs. Allie Harris and sister, Miss Roberta Johnson, are spending the holidays in Richmond, Ky., with their sister, Mrs. W. DeLany.

DO SONGS PERVERT MORALS.

Walter Kenilworth Attributes the Vulgar Ragtime Music to Fact of Negro Origin.

What is the cause of this degeneration in the moral sentiment of popular songs? In an article on "Negro Influence in American Life" in the Forum, Walter Kenilworth attributes the decline to the fact that "rag music has its invisible source in the ancestry of Negro music," which, in turn, "had its birth through the sensuously sonorous larynx of the Negro and was first voiced from his savage sensuously formed mouth. After stating that there is a certain sway and swing, a certain indescribably sensuous something appealing about the ring and melody, the rythm and versification of the music," he asks: "How could it be otherwise when the ancestry of the music was first voiced in the wild, weird, barbarous howl of the protypical African?"

Considering the fact that the present day "rag" is usually the product, as to both words and music, of the white man, whereas the genuine Negro music, whatever its "sensuous swing," is usually associated with religious words, there would seem to be some unfairness in this exclusive indictment of the Negro. If, as Mr. Kenilworth claims, the source of national retrogression in morals, "the increase of divorce, the lapsing of the marital code.... all are more or less due to our popular music," we should be just enough to question how far exactly the Negro is responsible for the songs turned out so profusely by publishers and so obligingly performed by young women in department stores to crowds of eager listeners.

"It is easier," says Mr. Kenilworth, "for a highly civilized community instinctively to follow lower or more primitive morals than to follow its own high ideals."

It would seem that it is easier also for the highly civilized community to understand and interpret in words the meaning of the "sway and swing" of sensuous music than it was for the untutored race which made its spontaneous melodies the vehicle for religious feeling. One can fancy the accused race retorting: "It is not that our music is base, but the white man has seized, distorted and debased it."

Wherever opinion may place the responsibility, Mr. Kenilworth's characterization of the songs themselves is undeniably exact:

"Scrutinizingly criticised, all of the songs are insidiously perverting; they are indicative of relaxative morality, of disparagement of the marital tie, of triviality in relationship of sex, etc., and the entire moral code might be included. There is not even an attempt at concealment of the thought conveyed in the song. It is out-and-out vulgarity."

"Let me make a nation's songs and I care not who makes the laws," some wise man has said. If such a dictum has any foundation in truth it would seem to be a fact worth noting and a condition deserving both attention and action if the songs that are loved and sung by the youth of America are bad. If bad songs sell well this season the demand for novelty will bring out next season a variety still more daringly risque.

It is true that not all the popular songs belong to the class that we have been discussing. Many of them are quite innocent in theme and unobjectionable in dictum. To an onlooker the varieties appear to exist side by side in the repertoires and acquaintance of the public without discrimination as to their respective worth or sentiment. The music is the thing, apparently; if that proves popular the words are accepted without challenge and amazingly without comment.

Without comment and without the music which detracts attention from them the following stanzas, selected from the popular songs of the day, are submitted for inspection:

Cuddle and squeeze me honey,
Lead me right to Cupid's door;
Take me out upon that ocean called the "Lovable Sea,"
Fry each kiss in honey, then present it to me.
Cuddle and please me, honey,
Anchor at that kissing shore;
Stop, stop, stop, stop, don't you dare to stop.
Come over and love me some more.

Hug up close to your baby,
Throw your shoulders t'ward the ceiling,
Lawdy, Lawdy, what a feelin';
Snug up close to your lady,
Close your eyes and do som nappin',
Somethin' nice is gwine to happen,
Hug up close to your baby;
Sway me everywhere,
Show your darlin' beau just how to go to Buffalo,
Doin' the grizzly bear.

All alone, all alone,
Nobody here but me;
Parlor's nice and cozy,
Everything is rosy,
We'll have lots of—
Hurry up and get there, honey,
Take a car, it's not far,
My time is all my own;
Hurry up, there's something missing,
We'll have lots of kissing,
Pa and Ma have left me all alone.

Gen. Sherman once remarked that "War is hell,"
I've never been a soldier, but I know it well;
Gee! but married life is tough,
Case of fight both day and night,
I'm gentle and she's rough;
If I could find the man that married me
I'd hang him on a sour apple tree.
Wedding bells, sweet wedding bells,
Never harmonize with baby yells;
Why did I get married?
If I'd only tarried
With the crowd I'd mingle,
Yelling "God bless the single."
Work by day and fight by night,
Stand it no one can;
Say a prayer for my salvation,
"Lord, have mercy on a married man."

Winter, winter,
When the snow is softly falling,
That's the time to squeeze
When it starts to freeze
In October, November and December,
Just remember,
Winter, winter,
When your sweetheart comes a-calling
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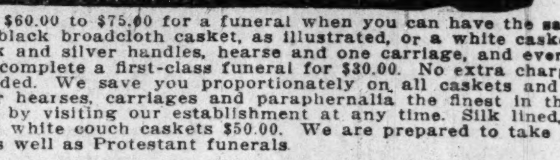

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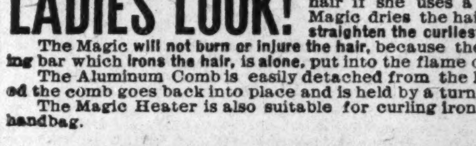
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Champaign, Ill., Special.

G. W. Smith, of Broadlands, one of the wealthiest colored citizens in the state of Illinois, and who was known far and wide for his fine horses, died suddenly December 29, from paralysis. One of his sons had started to Champaign, when called back by the death of his father. About ten years ago he had suffered a stroke of paralysis and had never fully regained his health. He had, however, not been complaining if illness recently and his demise was entirely unexpected. Mr. Smith had reared quite a family, and all of his children were given a fine education and proved to be men of whom any father would be glad to point to with pride. He owned 440 acres of land in the vicinity of Broadlands, the home place being kept up in fine shape. The father putting into practice all modern methods of agriculture can do for a farm. His stable contained a fine breed of horses and his saddle horses were the subjects of much admiration. There are six children and one step-child, the latter being A. A. Gaines, a farmer of Broadlands, three at home, Charles, John M. and Anna Neal; Fred L. Smith, a lawyer of Omaha, Neb., Walter W., of Philadelphia, and Mrs. Salona Sexton, of St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Smith was born in McNairy county, Tenn., December 3, 1835....Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Ellis of Altamont, Ill., entertained in honor of their daughter, Miss Frances eighteenth birthday at a three-day house party, which was held from December 24, to 26, at their beautiful home at that place. The guests were Misses Scott, of Taylorsville, Nanora Ellis, Sarah and Edna Wilson, Mildred Brown, Myrtle Moss, of Champaign, Mr. Fred Scott, of Taylorsville, Mr. Chester and Roscoe Brewer, Wm. J. Prince, Linen Breedlove, Louis Johnson, Cecil Nicholson, of Champaign. All enjoyed a delightful time and returned home....Mrs. A. J. Breedlove entertained at dinner Thursday, December 29, at her home, 109 North Champaign street, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Harris, and Mrs. Kate Brown......Mr. Z. L. Breedlove was in Monticello, Ill., Wednesday, December 28, on business and was also entertained at dinner by his cousins, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Phillips....Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Phillips, of Monticello, Ill., entertained at dinner Sunday, December 31, in honor of Mrs. Emma Overton and family, Mrs. Alice Breedlove and Miss Martha Washington, of Champaign. A delightful time was enjoyed....Mrs. Anna Ewing, of Mt. Pulaski, Ill., Mrs. Nesbitt and nephew were visiting Mrs. Nesbitt, 604½ North Popular street, during the Christma sholidays. She has returned home to resume her position as teacher....The C. M. E. church gave a shower party on Rev. Blackshire, pastor; the affair was conducted by Mrs. Hagen and Mrs. Nesbitt....Mesdames P. D. Lunsford, Jordan, Johnson and Mollie Jennings departed Saturday, December 23, for Madisonville, Ky., to spend the Christmas holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. McNeary....Mrs. Robert Green, of East Main street, entertained on Wednesday afternoon, December 28, in honor of her niece, Anna Elizabeth Richardson, of Danville. About twenty little folks assembled at her home and enjoyed a splendid time from 2 to 5 o'clock. There were various games and Santa Claus put in his appearance with gifts for the children. In addition to pop corn, ice cream and animal crackers were served. Those present included Mildred Allen, Jessie Hines, Elizabeth Lewis, Effie Gray, Hazel and Mabel Henry and Alphonsoe Tate, Carlos Burton, Wendell Nelson, Fay Hines, George Penny, Andrew Frank and James Jackson, Minters Ball, Norris and Albert LeeNMiss Mildred Brown, Alice Lee, Willie May Jones and Jessie Jordan, of Champaign, were entertained at dinner at Miss Leora Walkers of Bloomington, at Bloomington, on Tuesday, December 27.....Diogenes Lodge No. 7, K. of P., held a public installation on Thursday evening, December 28, at their hall. The following were installed: C. C., W. C. Parker; V. C., William Townsend; P. Louis Brown; M. of F., Peter J. Carey; M. of E., Nathan Dyer; K. of R. and S., C. E. Phillips; M. of A .,John Hodge; I. G., George Simpson, and O. G., Frank Coleman.

COLUMBIA, MO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. Al. Crawford and Mr. George Winston, of Decatur, Ill., and Mrs. Edward Farrell, of Chicago, Ill., were popular visitors in Columbia during the holiday week, being the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henrk Kirklin. They were royally entertained at swell receptions, each evening, by Mrs. Henry Kirklin, Mrs. J. H. Renfro, Mrs. Abram Fisher, Mrs. D. E. Samuels, Mrs. Alice Williams, Mrs. Dr. Lawrie and Mrs. Hester McKinney....The congregation of the Baptist church and citizens of Columbia were entertained at the Sunday night services by a male choir of twenty voices. The Christmas tree Christmas night was a decided success; over two hundred gifts were hung on it. The Baptist Sunday school has an enrollment of over two hundred members. It is now the largest school in Mt. Carmel Association....Columbia was again kept in the limelight by its many holiday visitors..Everyone seemingly has spent a pleasant time during the holidays as well as a jolly one....At the union services held by the M. E. and A. M. E. churches at St. Paul A. M. E. church many New Year resolutions were made....Profs. J. Z. Moseley and E. W. Emory addressed the Christian Endeavor December 1st....Mr. Earnest Douglass went to Fayette, Mo., December 23rd, to attend the funeral of a very dear friend....Miss Cleota Thomas gave a candy pulling at the home of her grandfather, Mr. Horace Williams, in honor of the students attending Lincoln Institute....Dr. George O. Caldwell has made quite a holiday display in windows and show cases in honor of Lincoln Institute students and the public....Messrs. James and Rilgeway, owners and proprietors of the St. Louis French Dry Cleaning Co., have met with great success the past year and have enlarged their establishment for greater business in 1912....Miss Mabel Nelson, of Louisiana, Mo., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Eugene Bobnett.....Miss Lena Richards spent the latter part of the holidays in Rocheport, visiting relatives....Mrs. J. A. Titus is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Boone Moseley......Miss Mattie Brown, who has been on the sick list for quite a while, is able to be out again....Mrs. Mary Turner, who was murdered and her house set on fire to cover up the lrime, was buried under the auspices of Wheatley Temple, of which she was a true member....Mrs. I. A. Jackson, Mr. Horace Williams and Mr. Talton Woods, Jr., who have been on the sick list for some time, are slowly recovering....Quite a number of nice skating parties are the order of the day....Miss Kindell Mulholland, of Hot Springs, Ark., is the guest of Misses Edna and Ida Schivlich during the holidays....J. Z. Moseley is writing policies for the Home Protective Association, whose headquarters are at Hannibal, Mo...Mrs. Ollie Young is here from Chicago, spending the holidays with Miss Margaret Young..Mrs. Mary Richardson, the wife of Mr. Frank Richardson, died on Christmas day of heart trouble. She was preparing to go to the country for the holidays. She leaves ten children, forty-two grandchildren to mourn her death...Mr. John Branham, whose father died December 6, 1911, died December 31, 1911, of tuberculosis....The stunt of the season was pulled off Thursday evening by Mr. Matthew Douglass at his home on Park avenue, when he invited the apostolic number to dine with him. Those present were Rev. J. E. Edwards, Dr. J. A. Taylor, Mr. E. E. Lane, Mr. Forrest Lamme, Mr. Perry Bones, Mr. John Bannister, Prof. J. Z. Moseley, Mr. J. A. Moseley, Mr. Frank McKinney, Prof. E. W. Emory, Prof. J. B. Coleman, Mr. Ed. Brown. The fish story was awarded to Mr. Forrest Lamme and remains unanswered. Will the editor give us the scientific reason why a fish placed in a receptacle of water does not add to the wt? The question as stated by Mr. Lamme is "If a tub of water is placed upon a pair of scales and weighed and a fish is added to the water, or put into the water the tub of water weighs no more.

HENDERSON, KY.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The teachers who attended the State Teachers Association at Paris, have returned. They report a profitable meeting, the enrollment being 137. The next session will be held in Bowling Green, Ky. ....Miss Mabel Jackson, of Madisonville, spent a few hours in the city en route to Paris, to attend the State Teachers' Association....Mrs. Mary Pollard and grandson spent the holidays in the city visiting among relatives and friends....Misses Edwena and Winnie Paul Yerby, who have been visiting their grandparents, Rev. and Mrs. P. H. Kennedy, have returned to Louisville....Mr. P. R. Cabell, of Madisonville, spent a few days in the city the guest of his mother, Mrs. L. A. Cabell....Miss Julietta Clark entertained a number of her friends Friday, December 29, at her residence, 635 Sixth street....Miss Lillian Cross has returned from St. Louis, where she spent a portion of the holidays ....Christmas week has been a gala week for Henderson. Everyone showed their hospitality; all doors were open and all forces were combined for a pleasant time. ....The Social Club which was organized several weeks ago, entertained each afternoon and evening, furnishing plenty of amusement for all....Mrs. Josie (Gardner) Smith and baby, of St. Louis, are in the city, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Gardner....The recital given by Tull E. Brown and Miss Hattie P. Reneix was much enjoyed by all who attended. Mr. Brown is certainly an artist, his interpretation was good and he deserves much credit. Miss Reneix has a sweet soprano voice, which is seldom excelled. Her bird-like voice held the audience spellbound during the whole time her numbers were being rendered.

FRENCH LICK (IND.) NEWS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The Oak and Ivory Embroidery Club held their first reception on December 28, at the beautiful residence of the vice president, Mrs. John P. Cook. Miss Alice Thomas arranged a program dedicated to that great writer whose body lies moulding in the clay but whose works are just as fresh before the people of the world today as any poet we have, and that is Paul Lawrence Dunbar. Miss Thomas also read a paper setting forth the object of the club. Mrs. Joseph T. Williams read a paper on the life of Mr. Dunbar; Mrs. Henry Taylor, Mrs. Solomon C. Pitman, Mrs. John L. Thomas rendered selections from Mr. Dunbar, and several others who showed great talent in the rendition of same, after which the guest of the club and its members marched to the beautiful dining room, which was decorated with holly, and such decorations that go with Christmas, the club colors were yellow and green, which were very much in evidence. The following was the menu: Roast quail, shoe string potatoes, french peas, fruit salad, ice cream, assorted cake, Roquefort cheese, demitasse......Mrs. Thomas Cole and daughter, Merredth, of Clarksville, Tenn., and Mrs. Edna Cook, of Louisville, Ky., were the guests of honor.....Mrs. Jas. J. Jackson had for dinner at her residence on Monon avenue, on the 27th, at 3:45 p. m., Rev. J. L. Mason, Mrs. W. L. Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Scott, Mr. and Mrs Jno. P. Cook, Mrs. Henry Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Cook, and Mrs. Lena Cole. Mrs. Jackson showed traits of home training, because the way her guests showed their appreciation is that they ate very heartily and Mr. Jas. Cook and W. M. Scott, two old land marks around French Lick and West Baden, had to be carried from the table....Mrs. Lena Cole and daughter Miss Merredth, of Clarksville, Tenn., were the guests of Mrs. Jno. P. Cook, also Mrs. Cooks mother, Mrs. Edna Cook, of Louisville, Ky.....Miss Susie Sandusky spent the holidays in Louisville, Ky., with friends..Master Roy Pitman left on the 3rd for Adrian, Mich., where he is attending school. He spent the holidays with his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Sol. C. Pitman....Revival services began at the A. M. E. church watch meeting night....The following officers were installed on January 3, in Castle hall, of Proserpine Lodge, No. 27, K. of P., Jas. M. Cook, C. C.; Joseph White, V. C.; Yarmouth Wigginton, M. of W.; James J. Jackson, prelate; John P. Cook, K. R. S.; William Langhorn Jackson, M. of F.; Robert L. Pierce, M. of E.; Clarence P. Stockdale and John P. Cook, representatives; Sandford Jackson, P. C. C.; meritorious service; installing officer, Jas. M. Cook, D. G. C., Fourth District.... Miss Estella Parham, who has been very sick, is very much improved this week, also Mrs. Carrie Holden and mother.

MT. VERNON, OHIO.

Mrs. John L. Richardson went to Cavene, Pa., to attend the golden anniversary of her parents which occurred December 25th....Mrs. Van Johnson has returned home from Mt. Carmi hospital, Columbus, where she underwent an operation....Dr. Joseph C. Bradfield, of Columbus, Ohio., visited his family and friends during the holidays....Mr. Carl Hamilton, of Xenia, died Dec. 24th. He was brought to Mt. Vernon Dec. 27th; funeral from A. M. E. church. Rev. John Coleman officiated; interment in Mound View. Those who accompanied the remains were Miss Dotie Hamilton, of Springfield, Mrs. Hattie Volunteen, of Newark, Mrs. H. C. Curry of Xenia, his aunt, his wife and mother, Mrs. Agnes Harris; R. J. Holmes undertaker....Mr. Gus Simmond spent Christmas in Newark, O....Visitors were great newcomers during the holidays: Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Sfith, Parkersburg, W. Va.; Miss Helen Harding, Xenia, O.; Mr. James Gomnery, Charleston, W. Va.; Rev. John Ralls, Dayton, O.; Mr. Wm. Jones, Newark, O.; Mr. Chas. Hamilton, Springfield, O.; Mr. Geo. Copeland, Columbus, O.; Miss Rosebud Rrndt, Toledo, O.... Mr. and Mrs. Albert Roy celebrated their golden wedding December 21st at their residence, W. Fourth St....Calvary Baptist church, Rev. A. A. Hampton pastor, preached both morning and evening. The Sunday School held Christmas exercises Dec. 25th under didection of Miss Alma Blake and a great many presents from the tree were given to the little ones. Rev. A. A. Hampton was called to Gillan Springs, O., owing to the illness of his sister....Waymar Chapel A. M. E. church, Rev. John Coleman pastor, preached both morning and evening. The Sunday school officers gave a dinner Dec. 28th to the little folks which was enjoyed....Mr. Ulysess Reynolds has gone to Zanesville, O., to visit his grand parents Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Reynolds....Elite Dancing club gave a dance Dec. 27th at K. of P. Armory, which was well attended. The hours were whirled away under the sweet strains of Parker Trio of Columbus, O. Members of out-of-town were present....Mr. Cooper Jackson spent New Year's in Cleveland, O....Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thomas of W. Front St. entertained, 20 Genat, to 4-course dinner December 27.

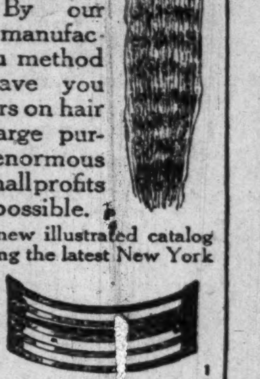
JACKSONVILLE, ILL., NEWS.

Mr. Rinehart, of Springfield, Ill., spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Spencer, of S. East St....A very pleasane surprise party was given December 30, at the home of Mrs. J. McCree's on Anna St., in honor of Chastine Mason of Joilet, Ill. A grand time was enjoyed by all present....Alberta O'Leary has resumed her work at East St. Louis, Ill....Ollie Mack whose wrist was thrown out of place is able to be about....The election of trustees took place recently at A. M. E. church....The Hercules Tent had a fine program recently at their hall. A social hour was also enjoyed....Born to Mr. and Mrs. Rowland Timberlate of S. Prairie St., a 7-pound son....Mr. Henry Davis has returned from Havana, Ill., where he went as cook for a party, Dec. 31.... $25.20 was taken up at the Bethel A. M. E. church at quarterly meeting....Misses Loretta and Hattie Saunders, of Chicago, Ill., are the guests of their mother....Mr. Dewey Lewis of Edwardsville, Ill., is the guest of his brother, Elmer Lewis of 429 S. West St. ....Mrs. Nancy Strange is able to be about....Chittling and possum supper at Mt. Emery Baptist church largest ever attended....The Second Christian church had an excellent program Thursday afternoon, and a fine program was rendered by Jenniebe Haithman. Nellie Early's poem was listened to with great interest. A Christmas tree was seen loaded with presents....The Literary at the Second Baptist church had a fine program Tuesday night, Dec. 26. Every one on the program did fine

QUITMAN, TEXAS.

Farmers Needed—Good Land.

This town is only ten miles from Mineola, and it is the capitol of Wood county. The white people are doing good business in this town and they are looking after their business as usual. But the white people are all the help to the Negroes in this county and at the same time the Negroes are of some help to the white people. Wood county has good roads and the very best of land that will grow anything and don't fail to come and see for yourself. More good farmers are needed here in this county....Sandy Anderson went to Quitman, December 19th and found the public roads in good shape and the work hands are still working hard on the roads..... The county has built an iron bridge across Lake fork and it cost a large sum of money. It is near the old bridge on the north side, and is built on a good foundation and will last for years to come....A large cotton crop made in Texas this year, but the price of cotton was lower than it was last year. Cotton seed buyers are paying thirty cents per bushel. It pays the farmer to sow his own cotton seed if he wants to save paying one dollar in the spring of the year.....The holiday number of The Indianapolis Freeman was alright. Everybody said it was.. Henry Landers has plenty of land to rent, two miles north of Mineola. His place of business is at the First National Bank at Mineola..H. R. Jones is employed to teach the Mineola school, and has been for sometime, and the majority are satisfied..There was a Christmas tree at the school house last Saturday night, and a large crowd was out....John Wallace, of Sherman, passed through here on the 23d en route South....When in Mineola don't fail to see James Hunter when in need of a place to stay...... Richard Collins, of Fort Worth, was here on a visit the 23rd.



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The Western Star of Houston and Dallas, Tex., was replendent pictorially last week.

New York also got its regiment. But it seems to make more fuss over the one policeman than it does over a whole army. Funny, ain't it?

When wagon wheels against the snow sound like a butcher knife on a grind stone lookout, that's some weather. Had that tight, metalic expression last Sunday morning when the thermometer registered 16 below.

It's about time brother Lee was issuing another bulletin on the political situation in Indiana. If we remember correctly in the last one he said it wasn't worth while for Mr. Taft to run.

By the way, we were so busy in these parts that we forgot the Emancipation celebration. Never mind about it now; a white gentleman was very thoughtful, he talked on it a few Sundays ago at the colored Y. M. C. A.

The closing of the Walker Theater means a distinct loss to the colored people of this community. Its continuation meant the employment of twelve or fifteen people regularly, not to speak of the colored performers. With some changes the house possibly can be made a paying venture.

Rev. Richeson has done very much harm. Perhaps he has put himself beyond the pale of mercy. He chose to change his mind to better his material prospects. However, he is but one in ten thousand, and hence will not establish or prove a rule. These many others lay stress on the tenets of humility, contentment and faithfulness to trust and confidence.

Our Mr. A. E. Manning, of the "World" reported in Washington last week in the interest of Democracy. According to program he will be official doorkeeper of the Democratic National Committee. We congratulate Mr. Manning, feeling that this somewhat of a sinecure will lead to something good and permanent in the event of the success of his party.

We had our cold spell late this year. Most of us were just beginning to congratulate ourselves that we had put old winter so far behind us that it would never catch up. We are now reminded of the little law of physics:

"What's gained in power is lost in velocity.
What was gained on winter was lost in ferocity."

In other words, when it did come we were hit hard.

The race problem is a human problem, plus. W. T. Vernon thinks there is but one problem—a human problem. We all would like to think the same way, but we are too often routed from the position. There is a downright hard race problem, separate and distinct from anything in the world. It is dissimilar to anything that has ever been, and its likes can never be again. Now that's more than merely rhetoric.

Governor McCreary, of Kentucky, in his message to the legislature of that state expressed himself very clearly on the point of Negro education from the viewpoint of the state. His very friendly attitude to the "Kentucky Normal and Industrial for Colored Persons," doubtless is representative of his party, the Democratic party, assuring financial support and sympathy, the chief needs of such institutions.

The Cleveland Gazette makes a great to do about colored Y. M. C. A. annexes and colored Y. M. C. A.'s proper, saying they keep up race lines. It is so strange that Mr. Smith continues in the Negro newspaper business with his high-flown notions. What church does he attend? What lodge? And suppose the discriminating Christianity, as he calls it, isn't the proper thing. Will he shut up "shop" on that account? O, Harry, Bright Eyes, you must think.

The Walker Theater, the new Indianapolis playhouse, we regret to say, is out of commission, after a brilliant opening. Several reasons are assigned for the failure. It was topheavy with expenses; the management made no effort to create for it a new field, giving vaudeville acts the same as have been seen right along, and at less prices. The bill for the first night was indifferent, when it should have been the best; there were two especially good numbers only. The arrangement of the house was bad, notwithstanding the fact that the theater proper is new and really pretty as an assembly room. Some of the seats were as useless as a fifth wheel to a wagon. The prices weren't right, and so forth.

"Emancipation celebrations should be more general. We do not set enough store by the gift of our freedom. The nation takes a day off to celebrate Independence Day, even after a hundred or more years. We are just a little this side of freedom and we have almost forgotten all about it. As a matter of fact hardly one in a hundred if asked could tell the day much less the date of the proclamation of freedom by the immortal Lincoln. Shame on us."—Afro-American Ledger, Baltimore.

Just been telling the Indianapolis folk the very same thing.

Report from Washington that Frederick Douglass' home is still burdened with a $3,600 debt. It ought not to be so. The mortgage can be asily lifted by popular subscription. Every thoughtful Negro in the land will give a few pennies to save the home as a memorial of the distinguished leader and foremost Negro statesman. Why trifle with the business when it can be done so easily? Of course, some things are easier said than done. Grant such is true. But will it apply in a case of the kind? The people are not in for saving every home that may be lost. We have faith in them to the extent that they are possessed with a saving pride, a sentiment that reaches out far enough to care for the things that are worth while. Let those interested in preserving the Douglass home ask a mite from every Negro. And unless we are mistaken in the quality of the race the response will be tremendous.

The Walker Theater started off brilliantly enough, but it proved disappointing in several ways. The prices were not right. Ten and twenty cents is as much as the people will stand for. The boxes, had there been any, would have sold readily for twenty-five, thirty-five or even fifty cents. We mean sure enough boxes, and not rope bounded squares on the floor. At popular prices these would have been occupied every evening.

The ten cent seats, the most of them, should have been left out, thus reducing the size, making the house cozier and more comfortable appearing. As it is, it looks vast and dreary, plain, but not without some magnificance. One, however, doesn't get that close-up theatrical feeling on seeing those long stretches.

A balcony should have been a part of a plan of a theater meant to make the colored people feel that they had not lost much owing to the inconvenience they undergo

The progress of the race will be marked by its own enterprises. This may be an unfortunate condition of affairs in a way, meaning that the progress will be slow, because years are required in building up formidable business enterprises. Under the circumstances it will not be best to too strenuously oppose Negro institutions of any kind, even including schools in populous Negro communities. We cannot see that there is any more reason for taking our religion from a colored preacher in a colored church than taking our education from a colored teacher in a colored school. The whole business is un-American. But why make the distinction? If Negroes must be set aside in theaters, barred from good hotels and not expected at white churches, it appears reasonable that they should turn the disadvantage to account, claiming everything in sight where it is possible to place the Negro. Money opportunity is the thing with beginning races, meaning of course industrial opportunity. Sentiment is a beautiful thing, but it will not be founded on ashes. No chance to make money should be thrown away at playing fine; we will not be taken seriously.

We have a faint suspicion that Mr. Bryan again has designs on the presidency. Well, he is a very lovable man. He has proven vastly different to what he was thought to have been. He has proven a great moral force, and apparently above suspicion in private or public life. Not one syllable of slander attaches to him. But with all that in his favor he will no longer, we think, be considered seriously for the office. And why need he complain? His running has been the making of him, and in which respect he differs with most defeated candidates. Every Bryan defeat has been a Bryan victory. Defeat shoves him further from the goal, but higher and higher as a citizen, in that his fine qualities are becoming better known. Perhaps he has grown some, too, in the meanwhile. He has lopped off some of his pet notions of government that did not appeal strongly to good thinking men. But the fact that he ever entertained them put him beyond the pale; evidently he cannot come back in the sense of a preferred presidential candidate. In face, we would rather not didate. In fact, we would rather not he is too fine a character to be put up for a quadrennial slaughtering.

The Amsterdam, N. Y. News, speaking of the first Negro policeman of New York City: "We look at no distant date to see Mr. Battles in plain clothes, and later a first grade detective, when he will have the rank and pay, $2,250 per year, of a police lieutenant. Policemen agree that there is need not only for colored officers, but colored plain clothesmen in the colored communities. No longer, since the advent of Police Commissioner Rhinelander Waldo—the fairest, cleanest and best police commissioner New York ever had—is there any color line anywhere in the police department. We urge every young colored man who can to get on the civil service lists and—do it now." They take on awfully over that one colored policeman. Why we've had colored policemen for generations, and they always looked like other folks to us. Poor little old New York just can't contain itself. Ain't got no Negro detectives yet on the force. What d'ye think of that? Never heard of our dear old Ben Thornton—one of the finest—dead now. But no chapter on the business is complete without him. When Mr. Battle gets to be a plain clothesman they'll go to throwing fits. It all comes from not being used to things. Well, if getting to be policemen and detectives is a sign of prosperity Indianapolis is "sho got 'em."

SLAYER OF ALBERT WHITE FREED.

The slayer of Albert S. White, of Louisville, Ky., was freed by a jury in less than forty minutes. It is to be hoped that he deserved acquittal. And there is no reason to think otherwise, as we view it, if we are to rely on juries for unbiased verdicts.

Mr. White was a leading Negro citizen of Kentucky, and was favorably known throughout the country. He was a lawyer of ability, and from all accounts he had many friends in either race. He was held to be honorably upright, as the term goes when applied to men in public life. It was surprising to know that such a man was struck down in a theatrical brawl or because of a dispute concerning theater affairs.

We had no desires in the matter because Mr. White was who he was, thinking, of course, as those who knew him did, that he was careful and considerate, and that in the end it would turn out that he was not the aggressor. The court has found differently, and we take it that it has found correctly. We have no right to assume otherwise, for to do so means the theoretical striking down of the court.

We congratulate Mr. Evans, or any man, that escapes the toils, if he is entitled to escape. As individuals, as men, Mr. White, lawyer, is no more than Mr. Evans, theatrical man. Apparently, the court viewed the matter in some such way, finding according to the facts in the case.

MR. WILSON, OF NEW JERSEY.

And "Mr. Wilson towered above them all," says the report from Washington, anent the big Democratic harmony dinner. State pride would suggest that we crack up our own Governor Marshall as the real thing for the presidency on the Democratic ticket. It's all well enough as a thing of sentiment, but as a thing of truth it appears that the distinguished gentleman from New Jersey, Governor Woodrow Wilson, is the Democratic party's best hope.

Mr. Wilson has long since stood in a big way for the things that the most progressive element of either party has stood for. In his Washington speech he made it very plain that the government was not to be run in the interest of certain lines of business, if it expects to be popularly approved. Here he was in accord with a growing element in the country, regardless of party, who insist that the tariff should be for revenue and not for the protection of the few.

All along, the voice of Wilson has been heard from afar, ringing true and clear, and now, at his approach, it is of no less significance or import. We do not feel to urge his candidacy, knowing that Mr. Wilson and the Democratic party are not quite the same thing. We, however, see no reason to hold back the plain truth concerning him, or any man who has to do with public life. We present him to the race as he appears to us, allowing it to judge of his qualities.

Mr. Wilson, in event of his nomination, will prove a dangerous opponent to Mr. Taft, in event of his selection. The campaign promises to narrow down to these individuals, consequently it will be well to learn something of Mr. Wilson. So far he has not expressed himself on the race situation, but we will think that he sees as Mr. Taft. This means that the men, as individuals, will compare favorably; but beyond Mr. Wilson is his party. Can he hold it down? Can he keep back those threatened invasions of the constitution? Will the South think the presidency glory enough?

COLORED MEN WILL OPPOSE MR. TAFT.

According to report, colored men will gather in Chicago May 29 to protest against the renomination of President Taft. The information is interesting, but not at all alarming. All along it has been evident that the President did not suit some who feel that he should be radical on the Negro question and generous in the distribution of offices. At the Chicago meeting it is said that the speakers for the occasion intend to rake him fore and aft because of his attitude towards the race.

Mr. Taft has not been usually mindful of the race in a political way, if such mindfulness is measured by many offices. But whatever the quarrel with him, it will not be based on deception. Whatever disappointments there have been were not due to any hopeful promises. Mr. Taft made it clear before his nomination what he meant to do. He has since made it clear. And again, in the face of his renomination, he again makes it clear, saying in the Outlook Magazine for December:

"I have no Quixotic idea of being able to break up the solid South myself, but I am trying to lay in that section a strong foundation on which our party can build, so that another decade may perhaps witness a change. In appointing Dickinson, the finest type of Southern Democrat, I aimed to honor the South, but I suspect that some of his party friends made him feel uneasy in what they affected to regard as a false position politically. However, my selection of Lurton and Lamar for the Supreme Bench and my promotion of White to the chief justiceship I rejoiced to make, because I was giving great strength to the court, that under a Republican administration its eminent men were not denied a part in the highest offices and functions of government.

"What I have done in this line has been without the sacrifice of any interest of my own party. I have appointed many Negroes to office, and have given some of them, like Lewis, Napier, Johnson and McKinlay, offices of essential dignity at Washington. What I have not done is to force them upon unwilling communities in the South itself. I have appointed none where I knew that race feeling was strong, and I have preferred giving large offices to well-equipped Negroes of the higher class to scattering a lot of petty ones among the mass of their race. This is not because I lack sympathy with the Negroes, but because I want to see them advance. The worst thing I could have done for them was to keep alive any ill feeling their white neighbors cherished toward them; but it stiffens their self-respect and spurs them to more thorough preparation for public service if they see political honors going to their worthiest leaders."

Conciliation! Everlasting conciliation is the rock on which weak Republican Presidents strike and founder. "To take the sting out of the relations between North and South" is a fine ideal, but Democrats do not support Republican candidates for the presidency with any such object in view, and neither do Republicans. What is more, the Democratic President who sweeps into office on the strength of these conciliatory advances, never meets them half way in the policies which he adopts.

Likewise the surrendering of the Negro into the hands of the lily-white party managers (for that is just what it amounts to) does not advance the Negro nor lessen race feeling one iota. These things are not political ills and they have no political cure. The height of political wisdom is the square deal and party loyalty. It is the privilege of the voter to change his political fealty as he may think fit and profitable, but if the elected officer does not stand squarely upon the political convictions and relation which give him the election, he puts himself above his party and betrays those upon whom he was primarily dependent.

Perhaps we run some risk in reproducing the article from another source than the Outlook, but we feel satisfied that it is the authorized version of Mr. Taft's views as appearing in the December number of that publication. it will be noted that he clings to a theory—the one outlined before he became President—that he would do as little as possible to promote race antagonism in the South.

What is urged by race men who oppose Mr. Taft militates in his favor. He has assumed the higher ground of altruism, and men see him as a sort of willing sacrifice, if needs be, in the interest of his theory. We do not impugn; but this seeming sacrifice, of course, could be simply a sharp play at politics. And if it is that, it is a most correct one, viewed as politics. However, we think of it as an honest endeavor on the part of Mr. Taft to do something at healing the breach between the white North and the white South, knowing that the Negro is beginning to look the same, to the white man, North or South. We see it, then, that the Negro is a secondary quantity in the matter, and because of conditions. This is obvious to all, and knowing it, the fight on the points mentioned will not help things along. The situation is more racial than ever, and the gentlemen protestants should see the effect of their move before they make it. This is no age for colossal blunders by ill-informed Negroes. Oppose Mr. Taft, if they will, in things that do not count against the race.

AT KENTUCKY CAPITAL.

Professor Williams to Start a Weekly Paper—Kentucky Legislature Opens Iss Doors—Professor Smith Presents "The Boy Problem"—Reception Given in Honor of Little Miss Knox—Social and Personal News.

(By Hardin Tolbert, 425 Washington Street. Old Phone 654.)

Frankfort, Ky., Special.

Prof. L. D. Williams, an energetic and hustling young man, will begin a new weekly paper soon. This paper will be devoted to the interest of his people. The professor will make a tour of the State in the interest of the paper. Professor Williams is a graduate of the Normal Institute, literary and printing department, and has held many high positions. He is now in the United States revenue service, and for years was a correspondent for a morning and evening paper and was also correspondent to the Blue Grass Bugle, of which Dr. E. E. Underwood is editor. Professor Williams has built a $7,000 house on Normal Heights, and is a deserving and worthy young man. He has held several high offices in the lodge of the Knights of Pythias and in the church.

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Mr. William Hawkins spent a day in Louisville, Ky., on business.

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Miss Pearl Perkins, of Batesville, passed through the city en route to Louisville to attend the State University.

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Miss Carrie Hayden spent a day in Georgetown, the guest of Mrs. Sallie Robertson.

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Lawyer L. D. Smith, a well-known Democrat politician, spent a day in Lexington on legal business.

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Mrs. Annie Stone has returned from Greenville, Miss.

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Mr. Thomas Payne left for Irvine, Ky., to be the guest of Miss Agnes Wallace.

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Miss Vashty Clarke, of Lexington, Ky., a graduate of Wilberforce University, was in the city, the guest of Mrs. J. N. Lawson last week.

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Mr. John Green, a student at the Normal Institute, left school on account of ill health. He is a resident of Shelbyville, Ky.

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The united revival will discontinue on account of the bad weather.

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Mrs. R. Turner, Mary Hicks, Lucy Owen and Katie Waters are very ill in the Booseum flats on Wilkerson street.

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Mrs. Ben. P. Madison was called to Midway to attend the the funeral of a relative.

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Mr. Anderson Williams, a prominent man, spent a day in Midway on business.

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Mr. O. Kuzy, of Indianapolis, an optican, is in the city.

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Miss Geneva Richardson has returned from Louisville after a pleasant visit of a few weeks.

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Miss Georgia Fleming left for Watty, Ky., where she is principal of the public schools.

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Mr. John Williams, of Lexington, is in the city on business.

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Mr. Phil Brown, of Hopkinsville, one of the best-known politicians of the State, was in the city the guest of Dr. E. E. Underwood.

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Mr. George Dyers left for Lexington to spend a few weeks.

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Mr. William D. Walls spent a few days in the city from Spring Station.

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Dr. C. A. Tutt, of Crofting, Ky., is in the city and will open an office to practice. He is a graduate of the Louisville National Medical College.

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Mr. and Mrs. Banty Rusell entertained at dinner at their residence on Holmes street. The cozy home was decorated with many beautiful flowers and ferns. A fine four-course menu was served, and desirable selections were rendered by a select orchestra. The honored guests were Mrs. George Ryhner, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Warren and Master C. Warren, Mr. Frank Russell, Mr. and Mrs. George Belt, Miss Ada Hawkins, Mr. and Mrs. Nuent. A delightful time was spent.

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Mrs. Mattie Miller, of this city, and Mr. Andrew Jackson, of Louisville, were called to Harrisburg, Ky., on account of the illness of relatives.

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The Kentucky Legislature opened its doors January 1. The city extends to that body of brilliant men a cordial welcome during their stay in the capital.

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Mrs. Isaac Miller gave a reception in honor of Miss Flossy Simpson, of Shelbyville, Ky. The home was beautifully decorated in the New Year decorations. A large number of friends were present.

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Geneva Richardson has returned from Louisville.

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Georgia Fleming left Sunday morning for Watty, Ky., after a few days' visit with her parents.

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Prof. James Bean, of Cridenton, Ky., and wife are in the city the guests of Mrs. Charles Wells.

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Mrs. T. Anderson, state organizer of the State Federation of Women and principal of the Bagdad public schools, was in the city a few days ago on business.

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Misses Margaret Dillon and Alice Smith of Louisville were entertained at the residence of Miss Maud Rusell in Catfish avenue. A delicious supper was served in five courses. The home was decorated in an artistic manner.

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Mr. H. C. Evans, who has been in the city for a few months in the United States revenue service, was apointed to serve in the same capacity at his home in Mt. Sterling, Ky.

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William T. Hattocks died Sunday morning at 6 o'clock at his residence on Moro street. He was thirty-eight years old, and was employed in the railroad commissioner's office. The funeral was conducted at his residence Monday at 2 o'clock p. m.

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The Pythian Juniors, Battleaxe Company, No. 3, will hold their annual election of officers Monday night, January 15 at their armory, and all members are requested to be present.

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Miss Mary F. Johnson, the sweet and beloved little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnson in Long avenue, is suffering very seriously with double pneumonia.. The latest report from the little lady is that she is improving slightly.

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The following divorces have been granted by the court: Mrs. Obie Wilson, restored to her maiden name, Miss Christine Morton; Mrs. Henry Watkins, whose husband lives in Chattanooga, Tenn., restored to her maiden name, Miss Florence Johnson.

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Mrs. Mary B. Buckner fell in front of her residence on Clinton street Sunday morning at 7 o'clock, sustaining injuries from which she died afterward. The funeral was conducted at her home at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon, Rev. W. T. Silvey conducting the ceremony.

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Prof. R. W. James, the newly-elected professor of agriculture at the Normal Institute, arrived in the city last week. He is a graduate of the West Virginia Institute and of Tuskegee. He has taught in the St. Paul Institute in Virginia for several years, and comes here highly recommended by Dr. Booker T. Washington.

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Miss Flora Johnson, one of Frankfort's most popular young ladies and a young lady of charming characteristics, possesses one of the best soprano voices in the city. She has been complimented by some of the best vocalists coming to the city. She took voice culture in Cincinnati and is now assistant secretary of the Women's Economic Club, and secretary of the First Baptist Church choir. Miss Johnson is highly esteemed in society circles.

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An exquisite reception was given in honor of Little Miss Willie Knox at the beautiful residence of Mrs. Sharp Steele on Green street, Versailles, Ky. The parlor was artistically nished in mahogany and decorated with pink carnations and ferns, and the dining room with mistletoe and different colored carnations. A cut-glass candle-stick adorned the middle of a mahogany table, giving forth beautiful light from its many colored candles. The little guest of honor sat in the middle of the parlor in an old folks' comfort chair and was dressed in a pink velvet gown. Little Miss Knox presented a charming picture as she received the guests. A fine menu was served and everybody enjoyed the afternoon.

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Mrs. Berry Johnson, of Lexington, and Fannie Beckam, of Midway, were in the city the guests of Mrs. Henrietta Bryant.

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Prof. Thomas J. Smith, of Versailles, has presented to the public a new book known as "The Boy Problem." Professor Smith is a graduate of the normal Institute and has been engaged in the work of education among his people. He has been studying the condition of his race and has put in book form his argument, which is so plain and psychological that it has convinced his readers that he has the best solution of the boy problem. Professor Smith is principal of the Simmons Street High School at Versailles. Several hundred of these books were distributed at the State Teachers' Association at Paris, Ky., recently.

NEWS OF EVERGREEN, ALA.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Brown left for Brewton, Sunday morning, and returned Monday evening....Mr. Frank Everett, of Montgomery, formerly of Chicago, is conducting a tailoring business in Evergreen.....Misses Mabel Booker and Gussie Chester left last Sunday for Greenville, Ala., to finish school there, and also Miss Pearlie Rodgers, who will enter for the first time in the Lomax and Hannon High and Industrial School there....Read The Freeman for all Negro news....Leave your subscriptions at D. S. Ray's shoe shop.

RAILWAY MEN'S ANNUAL BALL.

A Monster Success—Manager Jesse Bolling Talks on Organization.

(Chicago, Ill Special to THE FREEMAN.)

The week of the past Christmas will go down in the history of public social affairs as one of the greatest of Chicago. While Col. John R. Marshall was rounding out an attendance of several thousand at the Eighth rebiment ball at the Seventh regiment armory on New Year's night, attended by the "400," Jesse Bolling, manager of the Railway Men's ball was mobilizing the nobility at the Coliseum, where a monster ball was given and was one of the biggest social affairs ever given by a local organization.

The ball was attended by many of the notables of the race. Jack Johnson, champion heavyweight of the world, occupied a conspicuous place, and Solomon who was arrayed in all of his glory never looked as the champion did, with his shirt and fingers studded with diamonds. There were representatives from Canada, Mexico, South America and the West Indies.

The Chicago girls were out in large numbers. They were gowned in the heighth of fashion. They wore the latest English and Parisian creations, donned in sealskins and furs. Those wearing evening apparel were charmingly dressed and many came in autos and taxis. Many of the men wore evening dress.

Bowman's orchestra furnished the music for the dance. In the orchestra were twenty-five instruments, and it began playing at 9 o'clock and played until 3 a. m., at which time they danced the latest dances of the season. The dancers claim they had the best time of their lives.

Prizes were awarded to the following persons: Mrs. Ethel McGruder, Battle Creek, Mich., brass bed, worth $60. She was visiting at 3121 Wabash avenue. The prize was donated by Goldburg Furniture Company.

Fourth prize, Miss Julia Scott, $50 overcoat, donated by Lewis Brothers, tailors, 2829 State street.

Second prize, Miss Ethel Fay, gold watch, value $25, donated by J. M. Snider, 2916 State street.

Third prize, Miss Lena Yates, gold watch, value $25, donated by W. E. North, 3710 State street.

Fifth prize, Miss Julia Harris, 6822 Wentworth avenue, dinner set, donated by Kannie's, 2928 State street. Every prize was awarded. This feature of the ball more than pleased everybody. and gave general satisfaction.

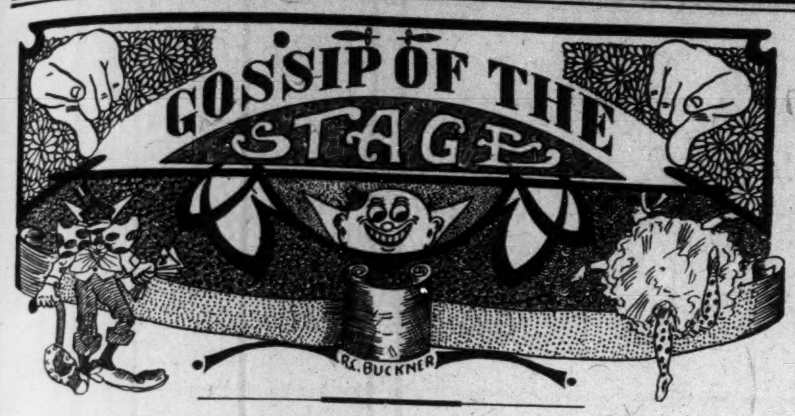
Speaking of the ball, Mr. Jesse Bolling said: "The public has often been faked in presenting prizes, but we railroad men demonstrated our truthfulness and stand on our record. The ball was a great success, but was not given for commercial gains alone, but to keep before the public the railroad men and the necessity of crystalizing a permanent organization. We need mutual protection for the welfare of those engaged in this work, and such an organization will solve the problem. Chicago is the great storm center for railroad men, and the logical place for such an organization. The slogan of the civilized world is organization and concentration, and this is what we propose to do. From the ranks of the railroad men have come most of our business and professional men of the north, and it is our desire to further stimulate those who are industrially and professionally inclined. We have problems to solve among [illegible] and it is only through organization that we can accomplish anything. We are more than delighted with the success of the ball, and I wish to take this method through the columns of The Freeman to thank each and every person for attending and giving us their patronage."

Mr. Bolling is associated in business with Mr. R. H. Payne, proprietors of the Burlington cafe, 2918 State. They have been in business for three yars. It is the headquarters for the railroad men of Chicago. It is one of the prettiest cafes on State street and these young men are regarded as two of the finest fellows along the stroll. Already they are making preparations to give entertainment to the delegates to the Republican national convention.

The Burlington Cafe was recently renovated and upon the walls are handsome paintings from nature and the entire place is brilliantly electric lighted. Messrs Bolling and Payne are progressive business men and have been known to aid in financing enterprises that have given work for those of ability and experience. One of the chief aims of Mr. Bolling is to make the Railway's Men's Club a big power for mutual protection in and around Chicago.

Among the ladies in gorgeous costumes were: Mrs. Mary Reede, Mrs. Georgia Wright, accompanied by Mr. Sherman Clemons, Mrs. Francis Cotton, Mrs. Hattie Bell, Mrs. Jenkins, Madam Bessie La Belle, Miss Alice Walker, Miss Essey Worth, Mrs. Clara Nash, Miss Clara Kerr and Mrs. Thelma.

JESSE BOLLING.



Sandifer and Gant have dissolved partnership.

Fannie Wise is at the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., this week.

The New Walker Theater, exit—the briefest existence in all history.

Cole and Johnson's Sambo Girls are at Hammerstein's, New York, this week.

It is rumored that Tom Cross has left the Larkins show and is in vaudeville.

The South is yelling for Dudley. But can it care for such an expensive aggregation?

Patti is down in Louisiana winning 'em right along. Will be back North in the near future.

Thornton, of Thornton and Long, was a caller at the Lincoln Theater, Washington, Sunday.

Prof. A. Brooks, ventriloquist, late of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, is working in New York City.

The team of Pugh and Pugh have just closed a four weeks' engagement at the Dixie Theater, Key West, Fla.

Parker and Dabney appeared at the Howard Theater, Washington, last week, and seemed to please the patrons.

Aida Overton Walker and her bunch are still playing around in the New England States. The West and South want to see her.

May and May, after winning success in the North, will go back to the South in the near future, their former scenes of triumph.

Mance McDaniel and Gertrude McDaniel are now in Birmingham, Ala. Regards to all friends. 1912 Avenue C, Birmingham, Ala.

Thornton and Long opened at Dabney's Theater, Washington, Monday, and scored a success. They open at Richmond the 15th for two weeks.

The Smith Bros.' orchestra are playing the latest popular music at the dances at Newark, N. J., and are quite in demand, as they have the goods.

Thomas, McDonald and Thomas, the Ragtime Trio, have severed their connection with the Lyric Stock Company and will appear again in vaudeville.

Vance Lowry, Comical Banjo King, opens on United time the last half of this week, at Nyack, N. Y.; first half of next week, the Oxford, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Billy E. Jones, the singing comedian, who is featuring all the latest song hits at the Lincoln Theater, Washington, is scoring a success with "When I'm Alone I'm Lonesome."

Billy E. Jones would like to hear from Billy Ritchie and Floyd, cornetist, and Charlie Jones, late of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels. Address the Lincoln Theater, Washington, D. C.

The Crown Garden Theater, Indianapolis, has been tussling with the zero and worse weather, but Manager Tim comes up smiling. He is giving the patrons their money's worth.

The Dixie Minstrels have been paying salaries in full all season. The Patonian Four, ladies' quartette, have joined the show, also the Fountain City Four with William Nickerson doing the comedy.

McNeil and McNeil, refined comedy sketch artists, are still at the Grand Theater, Chattanooga, Tenn., where they have been for eight weeks, scoring a decided hit with their novelty dance and catchy songs.

The team of Little Irma and Elbert White have finished four successful months in New York and five weeks in Baltimore. They are now playing a return engagement at the Blue Mouse Theater, Washington, D. C.

Baby Jim opened a week's engagement Monday at the Pekin Theater, Chicago, as an added attraction with the Kentucky Minstrels, and will be in Chicago a few weeks, then goes East to work some of the big houses.

Mr. Ed Rogers, formerly of Indianapolis, Ind., gave a complimentary dinner to Sylvester Russell at his residence on Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill., January 7. Messrs. Allen and Morton, who were also invited, were unable to be present, owing to their engagement at the Monogram.

D. W. Batsell has closed with Prof. W. C. Handy's orchestra, of Memphis, Tenn., and is now spending the winter at home with Mrs. D. B. Batsell, 223 South Poplar street, Florence, Ala. His permanent address is still The Freeman.

Rastus and Edith Harrison scored a distinct success last week at the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C. Rastus is considered to be the best wooden shoe dancer on the stage to-day, and has a standing offer in New York to meet all comers, colored or white. They are in Philadelphia this week.

The Miller family, musical artists and singers, may work West and into California, to appear at the Panama Exposition. As they are new to the Westerners, they will undoubtedly score a big success in their musical act. They are making their winter home at Washington, D. C., where they are scoring a success in the latest song hits, "Mysterious Rag," and others.

STAGEOLOGY AT THE CAPITAL CITY.

(By W. P. B., 1915 Sixth Street, N. W.)

Howard Theater.

It is a pleasure to write that the bill at the Howard last week was quite up to the standard and fulfilled the promise of the management to put on an entire bill that was suitable for the patronage of women and children. The six acts offered were clean and void of the vulgarities that are so prone to creep into vaudeville acts.

Prof. Barclay, better known as "Haha Rajah," a magician. His work was neatly and cleverly done; Pinkey and Walker, who were holdovers, made a great impression in their work and easily sustained the reputation they made the previous week. Tribble and De Mount, who are well known in this city, were on the bill in a new act. They received considerable applause for the splendid work they did. Mr. Tribble sang "I Love My Babe" very pleasingly, and Mr. De Mount sang "Sweet Cherie" nicely. Both songs were written especiallyfor this team by Mr. J. Rosamond Johnson. Next on the bill came Mr. J. Rosamond Johnson, who is a favorite in this city, in pianologue. He rendered several instrumental selections, and sang "Let Me Love You Little Lonuger Lindy Lou," "Lit'l Gal," "Still Vie Die Nacht," "If You'll Be My Love I'll Build an Eden For You," and "Siberian Dip." Each number he rendered was among his latest productions. Mr. Johnson left Sunday night for Jacksonville, Fla., where he will spend a few weeks visiting his parents. Sandifer and Gant is a clever team. Their work seemed to be planned to go like wild fire with a Washington audience. They were forced to take many bows. Mr. Sandifer made a hit in singing "Take Me With You When You Go." Miss Gant is a good performer and acts as well as looks the parts she attempts to portray. Owing to some misunderstanding the team of Sandifer and Gant dissolved partnership at the close of the engagement at the Howard last Sunday night. Miss Gant has gone to Philadelphia to work at the New Circle theater, and Mr. Sandifer is spending a couple of weeks in New York City. The closing act on the bill was the Cole and Johnso nSambo Girls, with Mr. Edgar Connor and Miss Blanche Deas. This act was fast, lively, good and fascinating. Miss Deas is an excellent singer and made a good impression here. She sang very pleasingly "Honey Love," and "Phoebe Brown." Mr. Connors was given a big hand each time he came on the stage. He sang "Cloudy," "Aeroplane Kid" and "Sambo" to the delight and pleasure of his audience. The music for this act is by Mr. J. Rosamond Johnson. Nearly all the music for the week was from the pen of Mr. Johnson.

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Mayweather and Brown were on the bill at the Blue Mouse last week and will be there next week. They seem to have a lease on the ears of Washington people and continue to give out something new and pleasing each week. It is reported that they will return to the Howard for another run.

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Hardy Jackson, the famous cyclist, is at the Ford Dabney theater, which is under the management of Mr. J. H. Hudnell. The motion pictures are exceptionally well selected and have been very interesting as well as clear and instructive.

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The Ford Dabney Ginger Girls, Effie ing and Lottie Gee, are in their third week at the Fairyland theater. It is very pleasing to meet these young artists of ability, who are confident without being dead-sure; who have talent sticking out all over them, but have not permitted their success to make them vain. Misses King and Gee have played in vaudeville for over six months in this city very successfully. During this time they have provided themselves with a very beautiful and elaborate as well as costly costumes, for the several very clever acts they have.

They have been clever enough to work themselves into favorites in this city and have been unable to stay away from here more than a week at the time without being called back by some manager to play a return engagement. Tehy have played nearly every theater in the city. Their work is clean, wholesome and high-class. They sing nicely and dance well. It is easily ranked among the best sister teams on the road. Off the stage they deport themselves in a manner that does not easily stamp them as "show women." They are a splendid type of the ideal performer.

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Mr. Lew Henry, stage manager at the Howard theater, has a movement fairly well under way for the establishment of a performers' association in this city where the welfare of performers will be looked after. Headquarters are at 1913 Ninth street, N. W.

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Ethelyn and Luke were on the bill at the Foraker last week. Their act was well received and highly appreciated. Judging from the good houses they had during the week and the applause they received, they have reached very high favor with the patrons of the Foraker.

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Messrs. Lew Henry and Lew Thomas recently completed three new song numbers which will be featured by the Griffin Sisters. They are quite tuneful and catchy.

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Mr. Andrew Tribble was asked by a reporter why he is not traveling with a large troupe this season. He said: "I have made up my mind that it is more profitable for me to stay in vaudeville. Mr. De Mount and I have worked up an act which I am sure will make its way before the public, and if things turn out as we have planned and hope, I feel sure I have made no misstep."

"What are your reasons for disliking to go with large troupes?" was then asked.

"Because there is no money in it anymore. No one in the company gets the proper recognition, either in money or treatment, except the star." "Are conditions for the colored performers in musical comedy worse than they used to be?" "Well, yes," he continued, "since the passing of the late Messrs. Ernest Hogan, George Walker and Bob Cole, in the show business, it has been almost impossible for colored performers to get the proper attention and salary from white managers and promoters. The Negro performers who have been fortunate enough to be placed at the head of various large shows now in existence, seem not to have the courage to make demand upon managers to pay the proper salary or even to command the right sort of treatment for the "unders" who are with them. For these reasons I have decided to remain in vaudeville. I am quite sure that I will receive better treatment and feel it will be more profitable to me in the long run."

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Among the coming attractions for the Howard theater in the near future are: The Samoan Female Quartette, Miss Fannie Wise, Morris, the comedy juggler; Miller and Lyles, with nine others in the troupe; Mr. J. Loubrie Hill, in "My Friend From Dixie." Mr. Hill is scheduled to play here the week of the 22nd inst.

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The Griffin Sisters played at Daly's theater in Baltimore, Md., last week.

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Prof. Alfred W. Ross is director of the Howard theater orchestra. He has his men well drilled into making good music for the pleasure of the patrons of the Howard. The other members and instrumentation are as follows: Clarence G. Wilson, pianist; E. G. Goodwin, clarinet; William Bell, cornet; Sir Walter Scott, trombone; James Montgomery, bass, and John H. Miller, drums. Mr. Ross plays the violin.

MR. HOWARD C. WASHINGTON

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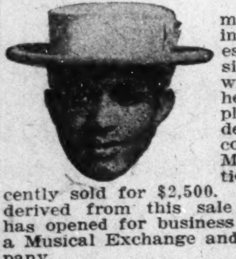
Popular Tenor Soloist, Composer and Promoter.

Mr. Washington is the manager and owner of the Washington Brothers Quintette. This organization has just finished 106 successful engagements in the New England States, and is now touring the Middle West, being booked solid until May 26, 1912.



As a business manager Mr. Washington is the youngest in the profession. At his age, which is 23 years, he has accomplished a great deal, being the composer of the Mother Song sensation, which was recently sold for $2,500. From his portion derived from this sale Mr. Washington has opened for business and incorporated a Musical Exchange and Publishing Company.

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MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC

CHICAGO WEEKLY REVIEW

By Sylvester Russell

THREE FAILING ELEMENTS IN COLORED THEATRICALS

The New Theater, Incompetent Manager and Foolish Performer.

The failing element in the show business is to be found first in the weakness of the management of any theater to qualify. If the theater is new, he must understand its construction or be in touch with some man who is qualified to post him on everything. No man can be a successful manager who would think little or nothing of insulting a patron of the house or mistreating a performer without consideration, especially along the lines of salary, which is his hard-earned living, or enter into unnecessary hostility with a newspaper critic who has an honorable reputation of long standing and is independently above board in making a living. Such men as managers are only weaklings who reveal their incompetency by their work, which results in failure. There are quite a number of weak, foolish actors, old and young, who can't see before their noses. This class of performers, who insult managers, booking agents and the present writer-critic, belong to the failing element of their profession, and it is this class of actors that I have for years been contending for, but find the task hopeless, owing to the fact that the moment they prosper a little they are insulting to the very managers, agents and newspaper representatives who could best assist them in making a successful living.

Kentucky Minstrels with Marsh Craig and Baby Jim at Motts Pekin.

The Kentucky Minstrels drew larger audiences than had been expected at the Pekin. Marsh Craig, the marvelous contortionist, and Baby Jim, the fat colored boy, weighing 793 pounds, were the stellar ones of the olio. The first part comprised Qually Clark, W. C. Washington, Elmer Bowman, Daddy White, Dixie White, Hattie Garland, and others. In the olio Campbell, Warfield and Henderson, in "The Barnyard Frolics," scored immensely. The Clarks were also favorites in their new baseball sketch. The afterpiece, "The Bandmaster at the Ball," with Qually Clark as the bandmaster, was decidedly entertaining. The band, as well as the master, displayed comedy of artistic merit, and the chorus, both in the first part and afterpiece, was especially strong, and the show throughout was good. The orchestra, under the direction of Oliver Perry, which was augmented to nine for this occasion, was eminently invigorating.

Carita Day and Swain's Cockatoos at the New Grand Theatre.

Just like as if one of the female sovereigns of the earth had come to light was when Carita Day, booked by the Western Vaudeville time, fresh from the Majestic Theater, made her first appearance at the New Grand. So great was the demonstration when she entered at each of the two performances last Monday evening that she had to be sure that nearly all her Chicago friends must be present. With a winning smile and a pair of pretty, winsome eyes, she recited a ragtime song to music and tipped it off lightly on her little toes. Then, seated upon a chair, she sang and danced, but arose to a finish, then sang and danced some more to five encores, decidedly clever and graceful. Prof. Swain's Cockatoos was the richest act of the kind ever seen at the Grand. An extremely intelligent cockatoo rang out numbers on a gong as called upon; an extraordinary parrot, after being coaxed, sang "At the Cross Where I First Saw the Light," and another cockatoo played "Home, Sweet Home," on chimes. Other features of the bill were Ellsworth and Linden, in a playlet, "His Day Off," which was very good; Valee played well on the accordeon, and Carter, Willis and Cox entertained. The bill the last half of the week provided Ackerman, a cyclist; Bessie Babb, a neat, artistic topical singer; Alice Lindley, in "Her Own Mother," and Nea J. Sennessy and Morris Silver, in a big dancing number. Madam Bedini's trained horses were the best thing on the bill.

Goodloe & Goodloe at the Monogram Theater—Charles (Chicken) Jones Finds Favor.

Happy John Goodloe and his wife, Ella, returned to the Monogram on Monday evening, again decidedly popular, and were accorded a big reception. They appeared in a new act that was, as usual, highly entertaining, as Goodloe himself is one of the greatest and brainiest natural funny comedians of his race now before the public. Mrs. Goodloe sang "I'm Going to Steal Some Other Girl's Fellow," which won victory. Charles (Chicken) Jones, of minstrel fame, was the next big star in turn to win approval. His monologue was original and bright, and his songs were up to the standard, while his dancing excelled in particular. The Pewee-Tolliver Trio was another bright feature of the entertainment. Mr. Tolliver did a novel stunt in dropping a cannon ball upon his own head, producing a red lump, which swelled in size. Pewee, who is a good juggler and a novel comedian in his line, must remember that his branch of the business requires hours of practice every day, because his stunts are difficult. The amount of laziness and temper which sometimes affects performers is here apparent, but we must admit that the Monogram stage is a little mite small for the Pewee- Tolliver act. Mayo and Lewis, in a neat song and dance, opened the show, and the work of Miss Lewis, who is young, was promising. Dancing Mayo, of course, was quite as good as ever.

Photo Plays at the Phoenix Continue to Attract Largely.

"No One Knows" was the new illustrated song introduced by Mrs. Patton on Monday night, which won favor as usual as a chorus hummer. The pictures presented a variety quite unusual for excellence of impression. "Broncho Billy" was a new cowboy story; "Innocent Burglar" and "Coals of Fire" were all that could be desired in the way of pleasure imaginaries of completeness. Charles Mitchell, the trap drummer, has been on the sick list.

Notes.

Monroe Tabor, the yodler, is to revive the original J. K. Emmet lullabies at an early date.

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Stella Wiley, of Rogers and Wiley, who recently played the Monogram, now gives out the unhappy news that she was Bob Cole's lawful wife.

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The Era Comedy Four, which arrived in the city from Canada, is at the Empire Theater, with Milwaukee to follow.

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Jack Johnson and his automobile party were frequent visitors at the Monogram Theater last week. The champion is booked for an engagement at the Haymarket March 4.

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"The Real Quartette," George Conley, Aaron Ware, Chas. H. Moore and Burney Price, are booked to go over the Pantages time. They are at present working in the city.

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M. E. Bish, now electrician for the Grand Amusement Company, was once second violinist in Boarman's orchestra, at the Pekin Theater.

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He was born in Chicago and has been identified with the Edison Commonwealth Company of England for nine years.

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Proctor, Belmont and Hill are still working together, and now featuring the song, "Good Old Dollar Bill Is the Only Flag that Rules the World."

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Among the many Christmas and New Year post cards I received were one from my aunt in Orange, N. J.; my brother in New York, and my sister at Milwaukee, Wis. Others from Mrs. Elizabeth Lee Kelley, of New York; Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Burk, and Mr. and Mrs. Gicking, of Hazleton, Pa.; Mrs. Aida Overton Walker, Lottie Grady, Mabel Gant, Charles McKenzie and Mrs. S. O. (Billy) Williams.

M. E. BISH.
Electrician New Grand Theater.

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Mr. Nelson Peppers, the well-known plumber, gave a private house party to Madam Wilson, of the Wilson Trio, at his residence, 56 East Thirtieth street, January 7. Among those present were Madam Cecil Wilson, Lulu Wilson, Mamie Wilson, Henry Peppers, Robert Flute, LeRoy Morton, Sylvester Russell, Virginia Dinwiddy, John Wilson, Charles West, Joseph Tillery, Thomas Pickrin, Cooper, the haberdasher, and L. Scott, late of Pittsburg. Arthur Allen, who was also invited, after seeing his lady friend home from a music hall, lost his way on his return and could not find the Peppers residence.

To a Soul at Sea.

When fate first pledged itself
That I should worship Thee,
O wavering mind, faint-hearted love,
Whose soul is all at sea:
My heart caved in. My opened pelf
Was proffered fee for you my love,
and me.
But now I'll wait, a patient dove,
Till courage sets you free.
—Sylvester Russell.

CROWN GARDEN.

Tim E. Owsley, Manager.

The Crown Garden still offers good shows and is having fair business, notwithstanding it is zero weather. The bill offered Monday night was Seals and Fisher, in a new act, which caught on. Mr. Seals sang a new song of his own composition, and his little wife, Baby Fisher, appeared to good advantage. I learn this team has been engaged for stock.

LOVEY TAYLOR.

The Wilson and Davis Trio surprised the audience with a real funny travesty. Mr. Wilson's song, "I Wonder Will I Always Be Out and Down," scored, as did Miss Davis's "Texas Tommy Dance."

The big hit of the evening came in when Taylor and Taylor put in their appearance. This is the oldest singing and dancing team on the Western vaudeville stage, and they never fail to make good.

MRS. TAYLOR.

One would be surprised to learn the fact that Taylor and Taylor are mother and son. But, honestly, Mrs. Taylor looks rather young indeed to be the mother of her dancing son, Lovelle Taylor. Taylor and Taylor offer new songs, new dances, and each number is a decided hit. Their wardrobe is par excellent—in fact, the best dressed act that has played the Crown Garden for many moons.

The Crown Garden Stock Company offered two good funny acts which kept the audience in an uproar. The principal actor in these two farces was Mr. Al Boyd, who, as we once before stated, is a great character artist.

Good, clean shows are bound to win, and that's what Manager Tim Owsley offers at the Crown.

K. C. E.

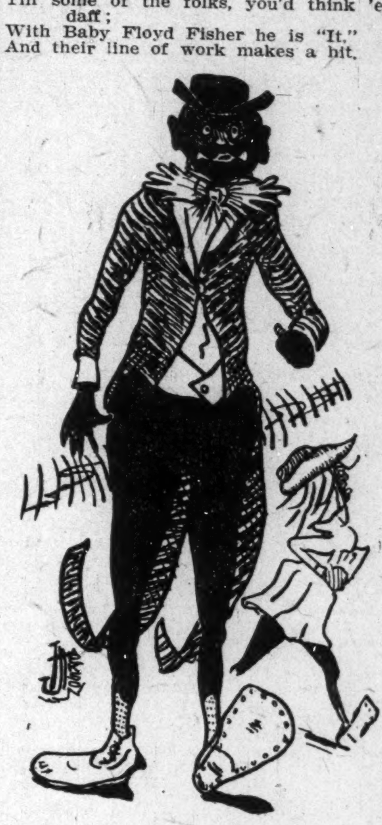
MAY AND MAY.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—May and May, better known as Papa String Beans and Sweetie May, who have been appearing successfully for the last three years, never having been idle during that time, are in their second week in our city, and at the expiration of this engagement will pay The Freeman office a personal visit, and after bidding them all farewell, will go direct to Montgomery, Ala., there to enjoy the pleasures of the family fireside. Mr. May sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession, and thanks them for all kindnesses shown while in numerous cities. He also is broad-minded enough to overlook the little criticisms coming from a few envious persons, and is joined by his wife in wishing every one much luck and prosperity.

GEO. SLAUGHTER.

BABY F. SEALS.

And Baby F. Seals is now in town;
He's playing the week at the Crown;
He's making 'em laugh, he's making 'em
laugh,
Till some of the folks, you'd think 'em
daff;
With Baby Floyd Fisher he is "It."
And their line of work makes a hit.



Yes, Baby F. Seals is now in town;
He's carryin' the house at the Crown;
A feller asked another near by,
"Say, Mister, and why do you cry?"
"Me cryin'? Huh! cryin' like yo' heals!
I'se laffin', man, at Baby Seals."
—H. W. Jay.

WHAT'S DOIN' 'ROUND ABOUT PHILADELPHIA.

The western acts are all doing well out here and new faces are in demand, but conditions in some houses will require looking into. Western performers coming this way for two weeks at stated salary, be sure and get contracts. For instance, New Circle Theater, Philadelphia. Nuff sed!

The Griffin Sisters are big favorites here in the East, and deservedly so.

Simms and Thompson were a riot in Philadelphia.

Mayweather and Brown (May and May), Two Sweets, all went big out this way and left a lasting impression.

Miss Mable Gant is working single and is doing well.

We all look forward to the coming of the old reliable Freeman with the most pleasant anticipation.

"THE JAMES BOYS IN MISSOURI" AT AVENUE THEATER, LOUISVILLE, KY.

Enjoy the good things of life and see "The James Boys in Missouri" at the Avenue Theater, Louisville, Sunday matinee. This comedy-melodrama has a particularly interesting story dealing with the lives of the James boys that is further away from conventionality than other plays of this kind, and the various roles are consistent and in touch with nature. It has a plot of thrilling interest, keen and enjoyable humor, a scenic completeness and beauty that is seldom equaled, and a corps of players whose abilities have been proven in many ways. Every detail in the "James Boys in Missouri" is carefully looked after, and it is said to be a most creditable production.

ROUTE.

S. H. DUDLEY, IN "DR. BEANS FROM BOSTON"—Des Moines, Ia., Jan. 14 to 17; Rock Island, Ill., 18; Davenport, Ia., 19; Galesburg, 20.
KIBBLE & MARTIN'S U. T. C. CO.—Lewistown, Pa., Jan. 15; Harrisburg, 16; York, 17; Lancaster, 18; Phoenixville, 19; Trenton, N. J., 20.
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RICHARDS & PRINGLE'S MINSTRELS—Le Moore, Cal., Jan. 15; Visalia, 16; Porterville, 17; Exeter, 18; Selma, 19; Tulare, 20; Taft, 21; Maricopa, 22.
LOWERY & MORGAN'S MINSTRELS—Chaffee, Mo., Jan. 15; Cape Girardeau, 16; Poplar Bluff, 17; Jackson, 18; Fredericktown, 19; Festus, 20.
BLACK PATTI MUSICAL COMEDY CO.—Birmingham, Ala., Jan. 15; Florence, 16; Huntsville, 17; Chattanooga, Tenn., 18; Rome, Ga., 19; Cartersville, 20.
MY FRIEND FROM DIXIE—Baltimore, Md., week of Jan. 15.
JOLLY JOHN LARKINS—Hillsboro, Tex., Jan. 15; Mexia, 16; Greenville, 17; Paris, 18; Bonham, 19; Denison, 20.

LETTER LIST.

Gentlemen's List.

Brown, Dave
The Baileys
Cross, Tom
Childs, W. H
Culligan, T. J.
Carter, Paul.
Davis, Sam.
Dudley, E. B.
Edwards, J. L.
English, Ed.
Holmes, Jas. L.
Heywood, John
Horyn, Herman
Hughes, Atrus
Harrison, Louis
Hagerman, J. A.
Hicks, E. J.
Jordon, Joe
Johnson, William
Johnson, London
Morgan, Harry
McQuitty, M.
Mickels, Eugene
Muse, C. E.
Moore, Alonzo.
McCamon, J. H.
Perkins, Master D.
Porter, Pete
Peat, E. F.
Reed, Prof. Ed.
Sherwood, E.
Sadler, Wm.
Sherman, J. E.
Straughter, Edward
Spyglass, J. Elmer.
Thomas, W. A.
Taylor, Geo.
Thomas, Dick
Valentine, Alex.
Wilson, Geo.
Wallburg, W. H.
Wolfscale, Geo.
Wise, Hen.
Wise, James
Wright, A. A.
Woods, Fountain

Ladies' List.

Bright, Miss Gussie.
Fairfax, Miss Mabel
Mme. LaBelle Glenn.
Grundy, Maude.
Hicks, Miss E.
Hicks, Miss Annie
Hilda, Madam
Hayes, Miss Ella.
James Sisters.
Michaels, Mrs. Levara
Nicholas, Miss Ray
Oliver, Bessie.
Pryer, Miss Ethel
Ramsey, Miss A.
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And the veteran Brooks of old,
Composing the cornet section—
Each instrument plated gold.

Now, of the clarionets I'll write,
By Phillips and Singleton plaed,
Side by side, with buoyant stride,
In the noonday parade.

There's Wm. Shaw, the Texas find,
Wee piccolo in hand,
The only instrument of its kind
In Allen's Concert Band.

See the dandy mellowphones—
In number they are three—
Played by Gant and Miller
And the Count La Rose, you see.

See Jenkins and Moppin, with gold trombones,
Under easy sail;
Hear them play and you'll surely say
They've camped on Pryor's trail.

Then there's William Fisher,
Euphonium in place,
And Wm. Tuba Thomas,
With monster E-bat bass.

Laurendine plays the little drum,
The bass by Chas. E. Rue,
Jimmie Wise sings through the megaphone,
"Oh, What I'd Do for a Girl Like You."

STAGE NOTES.

The Darktown Swells have a new company this year. All new people.

Little Johnny Jones and Eva Moore play the Alpha in Cleveland the week of January 8.

Davis and Maingualt have recently gone together, forming a team of clever ability. At Charlotte N. C., last week.

Williams, who opened at the Walker Theater, Indianapolis, last week, played at Schilders and the Royal, in Chicago, this week.

Simms and Thompson were held over the week of the 8th at the Howard Theater, Washington, D. C., and will be at the Blue Mouse the week of the 15th.

The Two Weavers, that invincible duo of quality, now on the regular small time circuit, opened at the Globe Theater, Jacksonville, Fla., January 8 for three weeks.

Billy Caldwell, comedian, of Caldwell and Robinson, is on his way back East, playing single again. In the near future the team wil lagain be Caldwell and Robinson.

That mysterious trio, Green Pew and Green, are still going. They have just closed in Wilmington, and open at the new Rex Theater, Winston-Salem, under the management of Wm. Moseley.

Marguerite Taylor and her pick—'nuff said. That kid is certainly a clever little fellow. Miss Taylor, the magnetic little singer with the pleasing voice, is scoring heavily. This week, Winston-Salem, N. C., under the management of W. L. Moseley.

After a successful tour of the Middle West, Fiddler and Shelton have opened on the Orpheum Circuit, at Duluth, Minn., beginning the week of January 8, 1912, and closing the week of May 12, after which they will open on the Keith Circuit East.

The New Circle, the largest colored theater in Philadelphia, had for its bill last week the following Emma Skinner, soubrette; Chicken Reel Beaman, in a study in black; Miss Mable Gant, everybody's favorite; Brine and Brine, duetists; Kiri Troupe, in songs and dances of Ceylon; America's representative comediennes, Griffin Sisters. Business continues ood.

Robert C. White and wife, Estella White, Albert Smith, Emma Thorton, Kid Alston, Jennings and Jennings, Harry New, Williams and Williams and the other members of the Darktown Swells Stock Company, under the management of Robert C. White, are doing well. They enjoyed a Christmas banquet, tendered at Meridian, Miss., by Mrs. Tobithia. Robert C. White sends a check for 365 days of good luck, happiness anad prosperity to the profession.

O'BRIEN'S GEORGIA MINSTRELS IN WINTER QUARTERS.

O'Brien's Georgia Minstrels, under canvas, are now in winter quarters at Houston, Tex. I am busy writing a new show and Mr. Wm. Lee is arranging the music. The show will go out the latter part of February, with everything brand new, and will carry sixty people. I have thirty high-class songs of my own composition that I will put out this year. Some of them are ten years old and have never been used, and they will sure put the world on wheels and start it to rolling. I would be glad to hear from all friends, and would also like to hear from some good publishing house that has a push. Direct me. Address Sloan Edwards, 811 San Felipe street, Houston, Tex.

THE AUDITORIUM THEATER AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Manager Gibson presents as a New Year opening one of the most wonderful aggregations of talent at the Auditorium Theater, South street near Broad street. This house is well known for its variety and high-class vaudeville acts, and the management caters to the most respectable clients among the residents of Philadelphia and vicinity. Good order is enforced and polite attention on the part of the employes is guaranteed.

The bill last week: Taylor and Price, Carolina Four, Josephine Tobias, vocalist; Ora Criswell, Lee and Lee, George and Williams, the Musical Monks.

SEEN AND HEARD WHILE PASSING.

A Schoolboy Reminiscence From Real Life.

(By S. Tutt Whitney.)

Soul and Technique.

Teddy and John were brothers. Their mother said they were. Nobody would ever have thought so if she had not said it.

Teddy was younger than John by about two years, but he looked twice that many years older than his brother. Teddy was a cripple. Some wasting disease of the spine and hip had drawn, shriveled and twisted his left leg until the foot dangled hopelessly half way to the round. His face was long and emaciated with patient suffering. His complexion was sallow. A mop of brown hair curled confusedly away from a high forehead. His large brown eyes were as pretty as a girl's, and lookin at one pathetically, wistfully, they seemed to say, "Do anything, say anything, but don't pity me."

John was the antithesis of his brother. It seemed that nature tried to make up in John what it had failed to do for Teddy. John was handsome of face, straight as an arrow, with shoulders any West Point cadet might envy. He was always carefully groomed, and carried himself with an arrogant indifference to everybody and everything.

At home Teddy received everything that John did not want, which wasn't very much. John's cast-off clothing went to Teddy, which hung loosely over his shrunken limbs, and when Teddy came hobbling to school on his one home-made crutch he reminded one of a cornfield scarecrow in a March wind.

Teddy was an ardent lover of all out-of-door sports, and despite his affliction entered into every game with zeal. He could handle his crutch with wonderful dexterity. Play any position on a ball team. When at bat he would balance himself upon the crutch and one leg in some inexplicable way, and when he hit the ball fairly would hurl himself at first base with a rapidity truly marvelous.

John was an excellent student, but seldom took part in any games. When he did it was with an air of condescension that placed the other participants of the game under an indefinable restraint. The scholars admired John, but they loved Teddy.

Both boys played upon the violin. People spoke of John as a violinist, of Teddy as a fiddler. John received instructions from the best teachers money could secure. Teddy's knowledge of the violin seemed to be innate. He never received any instruction except seeing and hearing his brother play, or a word now and then grudgingly given by one of John's teachers. But with an indefatigable patience, so often marked in persons afflicted with an incurable malady, Teddy attained a degree of proficiency that enabled hi mto play any selection, no matter how difficult, his brother performed. Not with John's style or faultless execution, but somehow one always preferred hearing Teddy play.

At school when there were to be exersies and visitors John was always asked to play. The visitors went away wondering at his agility with the bow and his lightning-like rapidity of execution. They were sure to remark, "He will be a great violinist some day."

Often, when we had finished an unusually hard lesson, the teacher would ask Teddy to play. Teddy would fish his fiddle from the depths of an old bag, place it lovingly under his arm, hobble upon the platform, balance himself on the crutch, place the violin caressingly under his chin, cast one look about the schoolroom, then begin to play. With the first soft tones he seemed to lose sight of everything and everybody. Time and place were naught. Nothing existed but he and the violin. They two became one. We never asked what he played. He could not have told us. His mood suggested the theme. If he were said, then we wept with the soul of the violin. Sometimes we sat in the twilight listening to the call of the lonely whippoorwill. Again he took us through the forests; it was autumn and the leaves fell in golden showers upon our heads. Once, when his blanched and drawn face told us he had been silently suffering, he played. Then we saw people gathered around a bed—heard the heartbreaking sobs of a mother bidding farewell to her son; saw a funeral procession moving slowly, solemnly towards Mount Hope cemetery. The grave yawned dark and damp, ready to receive all that once was mortal. Heard the preacher consign the body to the grave. We shuddered, and our hearts grew cold with a dreadful foreboding as the first clods fell with a sickening thud upon the coffin below. He stopped playing, but we knew he had foretold his final dissolution.

Not long after this we missed Teddy from his accustomed seat. A note from his mother said that he was confined to his bed. The boys and girls carried him fruit and flowers. Always they found him cheerful, but it needed no clairvoyant to see that the hand of death had marked him for its own. His fiddle was always within easy reach; ofttimes he would talk to it as to an old friend. Once, when an almost unendurable paroxysm of pain had convused his body, leaving his forehead cold and damp from the agony endured, he turned to the fiddle and said: "A few more like that, old pal, and I'll have to leave you. O, if I could only take you with me, I wouldn't mind nuthin' at all."

Whenever he could sit up he played. The neighbors would say, "That is Teddy playing now." The boys would leave their marbles to sit on the doorstep and listen. Always he played in a joyous strain now. Mad the fiddle sing of the things he loved; of birds and flowers and babbling brooks; of springtime and green trees, sweet with the perfume of many blossoms; of summer and its beautiful fields of nodding grain.

Then there came a day when the fiddle was not heard. The children heard their mothers whisper awesomely, "Teddy is dying. Poor little Teddy." Boys and girls passing from school walked by the house on tiptoe and whispered uncomprehendingly, "Teddy is dying." Inside the house the family was gathered about the little bed. Teddy's face was distorted with pain, but he suffered without a murmur. His mother, with the tears streaming unrestrainedly down her cheeks, wiped the cold beads of perspiration from his forehead and smoothed back his curly brown locks, matted by the dampness of the fever sweat. The doctor felt his pulse and gazing impotently into the pain-racked face, whispered, "It will soon be over." Presently, after an excruciating convulsion, Teddy lay exhausted, with eyes closed, breathing so faintly they thought him dead. "Thank God, it is the end," murmured the doctor. As if in answer Teddy opened his big brown eyes and gazed half-wonderingly into the faces near him. Then, as his gaze fell upon his fiddle a sad, sweet smile illumined his features and he said, so softly that those nearest him could scarcely distinguish the murmur, "Old pal, it's time to say goodbye."

They gently raised him, placed pillows behind his back and tucked the beloved fiddle beneath his chin. Then the fiddle sang a song of love divine, eternal. Such a song as Christ must have heard upon the cross when He commended His spirit to God. Teddy's arm faltered, his weary face became suffused with a smile of ineffable peace and as the last tone died away in tremorous cadence his spirit took flight upon the soul of the violin to be with its Maker.

What became of John? He studied hard and worked assiduously until his technique was almost faultless. He lacked just one essential to be a great violinist. The critics called it soul.

WEEK BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

Eph. Williams' Famous Troubadours and Silas Green Company and Big City Minstrels Combined.

Monday, December 18, we opened at Plant City, Fla., and the natives both white and colored greeted us with turn-away business. Tuesday we moved into Bradentown, Fla., a beautiful town on Manitee bay. It was our first appearance there, but after our grand parade with a select concert by Prof. Collins' Cornet Band and a convincing announcement by our business manager, Mr. R. C. Puggsley, the town turned out and filled our canvas theater to its utmost capacity.

Wednesday found us in Sarasata, Fla., one of the most popular winter resorts in Florida, in the southwestern part of the State on the Gulf of Mexico. This town is the winter home of a great many millionaires from the North and South. There are quite a few of our people here, all doing well, and have lovely homes.

On Thursday our next stand was Palmetto City and it gave us big business. There are only a few of our people there, but the white ladies and gentlemen came out in large numbers and voted us the best attraction that ever visited their town.

Friday we played a return date at Plant City, Fla., but, strange to say, yet a fact, we had a repetition of our Monday night's engagement.

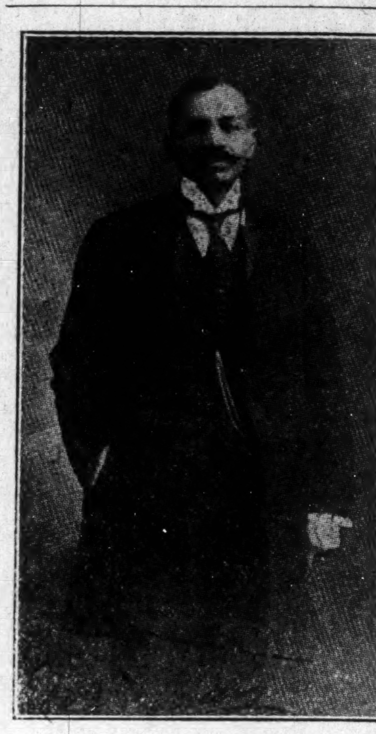
Saturday, December 23, we played Winter Haven. Although we were known there and always play to crowded houses, Prof. Eph Williams was very agreeably surprised when he had to stop selling tickets at 8 o'clock.

We spent Sunday, December 24, at Orlando, Fla., with a happy thought of what was in store for us the following day (Christmas), as we had noticed our genial manager, Prof. Williams, and wife for the past ten days purchasing large numbers of bundles, and knowing him as we do, were certain that something good was going to happen. M

Monday (Christmas Day) was the most beautiful day I ever saw and as war mas a June day, which gave pleasure and inspiration to every one.

Orlando is a fine little city, with paved streets. There are hundreds of our people there in all avenues of business, owning handsome homes and valuable business property. The whites and blacks are in harmony and are very proud of their city. This is the only town or city that I have ever visited where loafers are an unknown quantity.

Our noonday parade here was one of Eph Williams' best efforts. The band appeared in new uniforms. Baby Josephine Williams was mounted on her newly purchased Shetland pony. Twelve walking gents, dressed in the height of fashion, eight uniformed banner boys, carrying gold and silver motto banners; six ladies handsomely gowned, drawn in three up-to-date traps; Silas Green, dressed for the occasion, astride of our Mexican burro Maud, who could hardly move for the kids. R. C. Puggsley, mounted on Prof. E. Williams' fiery steed acting as marshal of the day, and Professor and Mrs. Williams leading the entire pageant in their swell tandem team. The result of this parade was very much in evidence at the box office. Our 80-foot top, with two 40-foot middle pieces, could not hold the crowd that applied for admission.



PROF. EPH WILLIAMS.

The new version of "Silas Green," as arranged by Mr. W. Goff Kennedy, our stage manager, gave the best of satisfaction and the vaudeville numbers by Tom Price, our coster singer and story-teller; Bessie Edgington, our electrical dancer; Clifton Boyd, contortionist; Baby Josephine, the child wonder; Geo. Baker, the wizard of the wire, and the fine acting of Mr. W. H. Mayfield portraying the character of Silas Green, sent the vast audience to wonderland, and their applause was long and loud.

After the show the entire company consisting of 41 people was invited to remain by Prof. Williams, and while all were waiting and wondering what was going to happen, up went the curtain, and there stood a beautiful Xmas tree loaded with handsome and costly presents and surrounded with lots of good things to eat and drink. W. A. Baynard was voted chairman. We then proceeded to distribute presents.

To every man who has been in the employ of Prof. Williams continuously for two years or more he presented a suit of clothes. Those who were so fortunate were R. C. Puggsley, Will Goff Kennedy, Tom Price, Tom Baxter, R. H. Collins, Isaac Murry.

To the ladies he gave each a beautiful tan broadcloth tailor-made suit. Speech-making, eating, drinking and a general love feast and merry-making was continued until a late hour, after which we voted our manager and wife the best ever and marveled at the costly presents they had given us. They missed no one, from the canvasmen to the leading performers.

All send greetings to The Freeman.

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DIXIE THEATRE, TAMPA, FLA.

Playing to packed houses. T. H. Campbell just closed after 20 weeks as stage manager. At present Clayborn Jones, Tom Young, Fred Faulks, Billy Higgins, John Pomphius, Julius and Arthur (the Gold Dust Twins), Sidney Colman, Alberta Smiley, Dixon and Hanson.

Mr. Albert Predinger, the popular manager of the Dixie, is more than proud of such performers and the house can't hold the crowds.

Clayborn Jones is a scream in his Fuller act and in "Yama Yama Man."

Sidney Colman goes big.

Tom Young delivers the goods.

Billy Higgins and the rest of the bunch are a scream from start to finish.

THE LYRE THEATRE.

(By George Slaughter.)

Louisville, Ky.

The New Years bill at the Lyra Theater is one calculated to please the most skeptical and the patrons of the theater are responding accordingly.

May, May and May are with us, and the act is naturally the feature. They are appearing in an act entitled "Booker T.'s Reception," and the act is a riot from beginning to end.

Sweetie May is in good voice and is knocking 'em twisted with "Let Me Know the Day Before." This young lady is a neat soubrette and her every appearance is the signal for continued applause.

The inimitable Papa Beans is as ludicrous as ever, and his antics keep the audience in a constant uproar. He is using "That's Going Some," and it's peaches. The act has been strengthened by the addition of Chas. May, who appears to advantage. A current report has gained prominence that this is their last appearance and the patrons are appreciating their treat.

Minstrel Morris, after an absence of four months, has returned and is dplicating his former success as the crazy juggler.

As good as the best, Sammy Lewis, a juvenile from Cincinnati, succeeds in pleasing the audience with a pair of songs.

Miss Elvira Johnson, of Johnson and Roper, paid us a flying visit from Lexington on last Sunday and attended New Years services at Knox Presbyterian church. This team will be with us next week.

May and May another week

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WHY CRITICISM HELPS THE PROFESSION.

(By Baby F. Seals.)

My first appearance on the vaudeville stage was July 25, 1910 Since that time I have been going on and upwards I have played from Galveston, Tex, to New York City, and then back over the same ground. By that you may know that we have made good. But back to the subject.

Every city and town that I play I hear something about the Southern act and actors. But I ask what act is it that has come out of the South and frosted? I won't say anything about the big headliners that are great favorites today, from the South and Southwest. But take those acts in my class, such as May and May, Porter and Porter, Two Sweets, Goodloe and Goodloe and Floyd and Floyd, and a good many more that I could mention. They did not come up here and get canceled. Then why all this criticism about your own sister and brother performers from the South?

B. F. SEALS.

After I had been on the stage six weeks my costumes were criticised and that alone made me get better ones. My make-up was also criticised. That helped me. But I have but one more critic to meet now and that is Sylvester Russell, and when he gets through with me I think I will be ready then for the "big time" or go back home. To my brothers and sisters of the South: I want you to not mind what others say but try and please the public and your manager. Listen! Don't take all of your sisters' and brothers' best stuff and use it in ahead of them, like the Raineys and others are doing me. Oh! that is all right, I use other people's stuff, sometimes, but it is when I run out of my own "junk," and that has not happened as yet. I am not original, but enough so to get as far away from my brother performers as my ability will allow. So let my brothers and sisters of the North wait until we fail, frost or prove otherwise. Then jump on us with both feet. One race of people on top of us is enough for the present. Yours for success.

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FRANK HENDON INFORMS STAGE-STRUCK GIRLS.

Dear Girls—The fellows around this town are past masters at the game of holidayizing. I'm hoping that you are past madams of the same. Some queer things have been pulled off in dear old Louisville. My partner, James H. Price, bought his annual drink. John Wickliffe has refused to work in any of the small theaters since he has been playing bass drum solos on a picnic toot. When not gliding up and down the Mason and Dixon dividing stream he is a barber. The other day John forgot to wake up in time to make a trip on the boat. So he thought he would work at the barber trade that day.

I was sitting in a barber shop waiting for a hair-cut. John rushed in and the head barber nailed him right away and said: "I thought you were playing drum solos on the picnic boat? Cut that guy's hair."

John replied: "When I awoke this morning she was gone. Has anybody seen the Clipper?"

It was my intention to have Tom Brown and Jerry Mills with me during the holidays, but they turned me down, and I'm not the only one they turned down. Isn't it strange how everybody wants Tom and Jerry during the holidays?

You've heard that old minstrel gag about a steak being so tough that you couldn't stick a hatpin in the steam from the gravy? Well, I had a tough hen turkey for Christmas. I'd like to see Billy McCarver.

Miss Fannie Wise came uying through our town the other day on her way to Chicago. Just as her train was passing our "ville" the engineer pulled the whistle cord and the whistle uttered thusly: "Tut, tut!" That was seen and heard while passing.

I've turned over a new leaf. What's the use of believing in the sayings, such as "Rome was not built in a day," "Haste makes waste" and "Good things come to the hesitaters?" Not for me. I'm going to be the first one to several lunch counters this year.

Now stage-struck girls, I hope you are not angry because I didn't answer your letters during Christmas time. You see I was getting ready to swear off for a year, and when a fellow is preparing himself for a "swear-off" he usually does the "camel act." Excuse me, girls, I mean to lay in a full supply of wet goods. Now, as I have performed a surgical operation on the drinks, I can safely call myself a golden opportunity. Remember, girls, I am a bachelor; this is leap-year, and if any of you would like to take advantage of it, I am the solitary boy.

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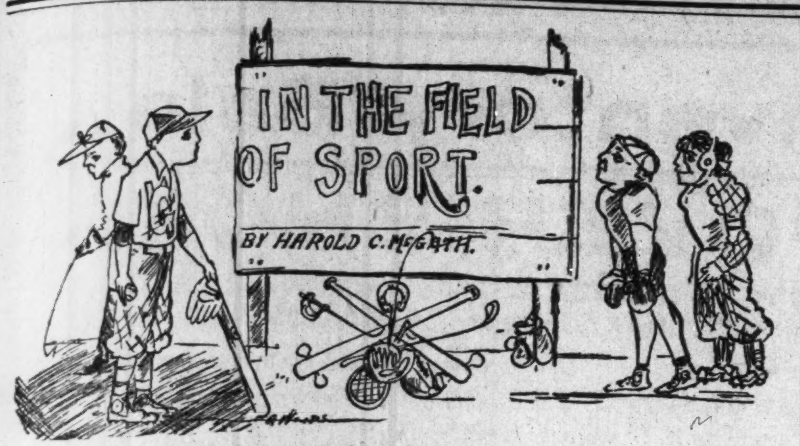
IN THE FIELD OF SPORT.
BY HAROLD C. McGRATH.

SPORTING NEWS.

Mr. Herbert Burdett, the crack pitcher of the Lancaster, Pa., baseball team, will try out with the Louisville Cubs this season. He will make good. All that he needs is a good chance. He pitched twenty-seven games last season and lost only one and tied two—which is some.

Although Jack Johnson has announced positively that he will fight Jim Flynn in Nevada and Sam McVea in Paris, the big black may be soon seen in action in New York. He is being offered $15,000 for a ten-round fight there with Joe Jeannette, and it is said Johnson has intimated that he will take on the bout at that sum. Al Palzer, who whipped Al Kaufman recently, also has challenged Johnson for a fight in New York, and that bout, too, may be arranged. Carl Morris still is to be heard from.

At last Carl Morris, the pride of Oklahoma, is to have the home-coming reception in his honor, which was arranged for after his defeat by Jim Flynn, last September, but did not take place then, as Carl changed his mind about coming home. Carl has written the "boys" he is coming home after his fight with Al Benedict in Toronto, Canada, January 10. A hero to home folks, even in defeat, since Carl has almost "come back" with four decisive victories since Flynn gave him such a drubbing, he looks more like a champion than ever to the "natives," and they are going to welcome him back in a manner befitting a conquering hero.

If Jack Johnson is possessed of a desire to meet Joe Jeannette in the ring, an opportunity was offered to him last week by the Olympic and Empire Clubs of New York City. Jess McahMon and Ed McMahon advised him that they would give him $15,000 for a ten-round bout with Jeannette, and would present Jeannette with a purse of $5,000 if he would agree to go on for ten rounds. There is little doubt about the willingness of Jeannette, and there is a great deal of doubt as to whether Johnson would go in the ring. More than that, there is abundant doubt as to whether the match ever would be permitted in New York, and whether it would be good policy to try to arrange it there. A proposition to bring Johnson to New York to box means nothing much better than an exhibition with an element of chance to it. A finish fight would not be tolerated in the State, and, so far as Johnson is concerned in relation to pugilism, the only satisfactory match in which he can engage is one in which he will be compelled to defend his title. He can't defend it in New York.

While Jack Johnson is making up his mind whether or not he will box Jim Flynn for the heavyweight title of the world, Jack Curley, Flynn's manager, is busy. Curley has matched Flynn with Al Kubiak, for Toronto, Canada, January 15, in a ten-round go, and February 22 Flynn will meet Al Palzer before Tom O'Rourke's club, in New York. The Flynn-Johnson bout is still hanging fire, Curley being ready to sign, but Johnson is holding out for $30,000 and training expenses. Flynn will leave Salt Lake City, where he has been for the last two weeks, for Chicago, and immediately after his arrival Curley will try once more to sign articles with the big colored champion. Should Johnson come to terms, Curley will cancel the Palzer battle and will prepare his man for the title bout. Curley insists that Johnson does not want to show in America. He asserts that the champion's condition is not what Johnson would like to have the boxing public think it is. Curley again declared that Salt Lake promoters were anxious to stage the big match, and that a site within two hours' ride of Salt Lake can be had where a bout of any length can be held. Curley refused to raise his offer of $25,000, and asserted that he was firm as far as the price goes. Curley said that Johnson would never get more than the amount offered in America.

JACK JOHNSON.

Plenty of White Hope Talk—Shining by Johnson's Light—$30,000 Is Somewhat of an Impediment—The What's What of the Business.

By Billy.

Since old man invincible got back from Europe the air has been thick with white hope talk. Tex Rickard, the well-known promoter of the Johnson-Jeffries fight at Reno, has been expressing himself on the subject, but he gives out what appears to be a false note in the business. At least he is alone when he says that Bombadier Wells is the sure-enough individual to meet Jack Johnson. Rickard differs with all England, nearly, which was as much opposed to the fight on account of Wells's greenness as on moral and racial grounds. I said last week that the knowing ones in England refused to indorse a slaughtering pen; it was just that way.

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Tex Rickard had it as follows recently: "As to the Negroes, there is no reason to doubt that both Joe Jeannette and Sam Langford would be dangerous opponents to Johnson. A bout between Jack and either would be a big affair, but it would not take on the proportions of the Jeffries-Johnson bout, for the reason that both men would be black, and the public prefers a white against a black or two whites."

It will be remembered that some such thought was expressed through this column last week—that the big Negro fighters prefer matches with white men. And plain enough, since it means more money. The fact has considerably muddled the pugilistic situation, the tendency being to keep the championship in doubt, because the real contest will not pay big and because the trophy is in the camps of Negroes. Nor does the situation promise to clear up any ways soon. Sam McVea must be met; he is in Paris when at home. Sam Langford must be met, and now it appears that Joe Jeannette must be met. The championship is among these men, including Jack Johnson, of course. It is not among Flynn, Morris, Kaufman anad Al Palzer, as a portion of the sporting fraternity hopes. Jack Johnson must make the rounds of those black men if they demand it, before he can retain without flaw his championship title. Those men are all qualified. Regardless of the money end of the business, the quartet of Negroes should not act as a team of wild horses, pulling each in a different direction. Jack will remember that he said that he tracked Burns around the globe to wrest the trophy from his grasp. But Burns did finally turn and give him battle. The same will be expected of Jack.

A white man, however, is wanted to do the business; it would mean much to the business. All must admit that. But it appears that he must fight past Jack Johnson, whoever he is.

"Oh, for a man to beat Johnson, a white man! It will be worth a cool million to the man who can produce him," said Rickard. There you are. Right you are, Tex.

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It goes without saying that all of this anxiety to meet Johnson is not genuine—white men or black men. Many a man would take a chance at the champion for the glory in it, not to speak of the money. Some seek to shine by Johnson's light. Johnson is the sun of the pugilistic heavens. Johnson stands out for $30,000; quite a bit of money, by the way. He is not to be blamed for driving the best possible bargain, nor is he to be blamed for treating his job just as a white man treats his job—no better, however.

The latest is that Johnson will meet Flynn in the near future, and who seems to be the most hopeful of the hopes. By this time there ought to be signatures galore, with bank check accompaniments, to the end that Johnson and Flynn, the Negro champion and a white hope, battle for the supremacy of the world.

"Is it mirage feat,
A skillful cheat?
Just a rainbow,
With its mythological dough."

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Johnson is thinking strongly of taking up the Hugh McIntosh proposition to fight McVea in Australia in the spring. The $30,000 is featured in a great way. Beyond this, Johnson asks four round-trip tickets and $5,000 for training expenses. But according as the game goes, it will be worth the candle. That Johnson has an eye single to the main chance is proven by his financial tactics when preparing to meet Wells in England. He had just a faint suspicion that the thing wasn't going to go through, after the first manifestation of opposition. He "was broke" conveniently, and asked for training expenses three times, which amounted to $7,000. The rumor of his being broke started from this piece of frenzied finance. This story is not vouched for, but it is not unreasonable. He quit that much ahead, minus what his actual expenses were. A good portion of the English army could have been trained for the total amount. It will be supposed that the transaction was legitimate enough.

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The contest for the championship, narrowed down to the two greatest fighters, should mean Jack Johnson versus Sam McVea. They have proven themselves. McVea whips everybody, just as Jack Johnson whips every one. Lester, Lang and Langford—a trinity of "L's," by the way—go down before McVea. Lester and Lang are white fighters, comparing with Morris, Flynn, Palzer and Kaufman, if not even better men, Lester especially. It is the opinion that Langford can whip either of the white hopes, including the Australian duo, and McVea whips Langford. What does that say for McVea?

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The note seen in the daily papers about Oklahoma Morris being able to go home now to attend a reception in his honor, has been observed. The original reception was planned last September, to take place after he had whipped Flynn, in proving his eligibility to the role of the chief of the white hopes. Morris and his friends had no doubt about the victory, and ordered the banquet beforehand. But Morris did not whip Flynn, consequently the fete turned into funeral obsequies. Morris did not have the nerve to face homeward. But it was the making of him. He got busy and has laid by three victims; and now he will return to his people, who have again consented to slay the fatted calf.

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This prescription comes from a physician who has made a special study of men, and I am convinced it is the surest-acting combination for the cure of deficient manhood and vigor failure ever put together.

I think I owe it to my fellow man to send them a copy in confidence, so that any man anywhere who is weak and discouraged with repeated failures may stop drugging himself with harmful patent medicines, secure what I believe is the quickest-acting restorative, upbuilding, SPOT-TOUCHING remedy ever devised, and so cure himself at home quietly and quickly. Just drop me a line like this: Dr. A. E. Robinson, 3831 Luck Building, Detroit, Mich., and I will send you a copy of this splendid receipt in a plain ordinary envelope free of charge. A great many doctors would charge $3.00 to $5.00 for merely writing out a prescription like this—but I send it entirely free.

JOHNSON RECEIVES A LETTER.

McKetrick Writes to Jack, Urging Him to Fight Jeannette for Title.

Dan McKetrick, manager for Joe Jeannette, sent a letter to Jack Johnson, urging that the heavyweight champion fight Joe Jeannette for the title. McKetrick, in sending his letter to the newspapers for publication, says he will eventually force Johnson into a fight, no matter what plans Johnson may have made. McKetrick's letter, which follows, speaks for itself:

"As you have denied the cable reports of your announced retirement from the ring, and say you are prepared to make a match with any of the eligible heavyweights, I again renew my request for a match for Joe Jeannette for the title. Your statement is that you are still the heavyweight champion, ready to defend that title, and will fight any man living.

"It is this very candid statement that induces me to write you this letter. You will appreciate that Sam Langford is removed from the field, having been beaten by Jeannette in a ten-round contest last November, and afterward defaulting after making a new match to fight Jeannette before Jim Coffroth's club. Langford simply ran out of the match and made a hurried departure for Australia. This leaves Jeannette the only logical man to contend with you for the title. You appreciate that there is no white hope in sight whom the public has any confidence in or would go to see you fight.

"Under the impression that you are sincere in your last statement, I am going to appeal to your fairness to give proper consideration to my request for a match. It is not necessary to enter into a wide range of unnecessary monologue or oratory, if your statement is to be accepted at par. We want the match, and we want it badly, and in support of this assertion I am ready to prove that I am earnest by posting $5,000 with any newspaper man you select.

"The terms of the match can be such as you may fairly exact under the Queensberry rules. The one essential point is to make the match, and the details of the fight can then be reached. Like you, we are anxious for the best financial inducements, but they are only secondary with us. What we particularly want is the match. You understand ocnditions, having experienced many obstacles and having to make many concessions to secure an opportunity. It is the same kind of opportunity which you so long sought that we are after.

"In support of my insistence for a match for Jeannette, you know that my man has long asked for a meeting with you at a distance, and I ask you to recall some of your bouts with him. They were meritorious enough to warrant your stating just prior to your sailing for England that you believed Jeannette to be the best man in the world as a pugilist except yourself, particularly in a long fight.

"It is with this in mind that I present our claim for a match in a businesslike way, and not hampered with needless and abusive verbiage. To this I add that it is just eighteen months since you fought for the title, and under all rules and precedents it is time that you defended that title and a challenge from a logical and sincere rival.

"If you need any more substantial argument in support of our right for information it will be quickly forthcoming, but I have hopes that this very business-like and sincere request will receive propper consideration and elicit the needed answer."

HEAVIEST HITTERS WERE NOT CHAMPS

By W. A. Phelon.

Some of the heaviest hitters that ever drew on a boxing glove were men who never reached a championship—men who lacked cleverness enough to get them to the top, and who, in the long run, were worn down and put out of the game because they took two blows to land one, and could not stand the grueling forever.

Abe Attell is proverbial for light hitting. So was Jim Corbett, and yet both Corbett and Attell are strong, sinewy, well-muscled men. They always preferred to take no risks and wear down their men rather than charge in and take long chances.

Battling Nelson could not hit especially hard, his blows being more in the nature of vicious shoves, and the Battler won by always boring in till he tired out the other fellow. Ad Wolgast, on the contrary, carries a knock-out kick in the left hand—he is a left-handed man—and the talk of sundry critics to the effect that Ad cannot knock men out with one punch is sheer absurdity.

Peter Maher is credited with having as hard a right-hanad punch as any heavyweight that ever lived. Peter could flash it in fast, too, and did little telegraphing before he shot it over. Bob Fitzsimmons, though, had it on Peter and all of them, because he could hit hard with either mitten. Old Bob had an awkward cleverness, a queer foot shuffle and a trick of humping up his shoulders to guard the jaw. Add to that a startling shift, and it wasn't hard for Bob to put either hand into the framework of an adversary. Robert, however, broke those hands all to pieces with his mighty swipes, and had no fighting tools at all in later years.

Terry McGovern could hit hard, but prefaced his knock-out blow by a perfect storm of shoves and jolts from chin to belt. When his man was worried and giving ground under this attack, Terry would try the KO, and it generally landed.

Young Corbett had a remarkable kick in his right hand, a fairly hard whang in the left, and a style of his own. He bored in like McGovern, but did not send in so many little blows. Resting his head on the victim's chest, he tried overhand swats, and usually got one in.

Joe Choynski, so those who fought him say, had a right-hand kick as heavy as that of Bob Fitzsimmons, and delivered even more suddenly. Bob Fitz says he never got such a whack in his life as when Joe hit him, while both Jim Jeffries and Tom Sharkey say Joe nearly broke their heads off the neck with his fearful smashes. Joe hadn't the weight, and his legs lacked the endurance, and so he never was a champion.

Jim Jeffries, fallen idol, ought to have been a dreadful hitter, but his usual style—letting the other man come in and then impaling him on a defensive punch—never showed how hard Jim could hit if he ever wanted to. He did let out some on Jack Munroe, and seemed to have a wallop quite in proportion to his stature.

Jack Johnson, too, has always preferred to hold back the punch and let the other man harpoon himself on it. People who have been hit by Mistah Johnsing say he has a lovely whack if he wants to use it—a nice KO in either hand.

Probably the best combination of boxer and hard hitter that ever got inside the ropes was Tommy Ryan, whose footwork was equal to that of any featherweight, and who could hit a jarring, knock-out punch with either hand when the opportunity presented. Most of the sluggers, however, have been slow footed and most of the boxers have been gentle hitters. Tommy Ryans come only once in a generation.

AUSTRALIA SPORTING BLOOD.

The Greatest Sporting Country in the World.

By Juli Jones, Jr.

The McVea and Langford contest and the pending bout between Jack Johnson and McVea bring this far-away English island before the spotlight. After carefully going over the dope bill, it shows that Australia stands head and shoulders over America and England in every department of sports; pays more hard cash for entertainment than any of the old countries. Yet some writers say they are away behind the times. That may be from a traveling standpoint. Their loyalty to their native sons makes California look like a cheap dub.

Australia first came to notice in the early eighties, with great foot races, that were run annually, and drew crowds that made the English and American tourists look on with amazement. The purses and stakes that were hung up were liberal, and invitations were extended to the world's greatest foot runners to come and contest; fair fiedl to all, color, creed or religion. They extended a special invitation, with expenses free, to such runners as Kittleman, Stone, Johnson and Hyram Burns, the great colored runner. Kittleman, Stone and Johnson took the trip, and found to their surprise a population of real sports and plenty of good foot runners, as that country would not stand for any crooked work. After the American trio got their trimming, they returned to this country and sang Australia's praises.

Next to fall from grace by defeat was the great middle distance runner, Lon Myers, who had the backing of the New York Athletic Club, who had been stampeded as invincible, but had to bow to Australian runners. The sporting world commenced to pay Australia some notice.

Australia forced herself to the front again as a sporting country in the late eighties, when the great Melbourne Cup was run for race horses. This event drew more people than the great historic English Derby or the Suburban Handicap, run in this country. J. B. Haggins, the millionaire horse breeder and business man, of California, in an interview, said that Australia was by far the greatest sporting country in the world, was the peer of any country in handling race meetings, and was the fairest and squarest under the sun.

Australia had another card to play, following the trumps of foot racers and race horses. It was the mighty card of prize fighters, and it was some card. The Australians continually read in the papers about the greatness of John L. Sullivan, who had conquered the world, with no one to fight; Jack Dempsey, the Nonpareil; Jack McAuliffe, the world's greatest; George Dixon, the world's wonder; also that England had sent its best to American shores to fall in defeat. The Australians started gymnasiums all over the island to develop some good men to knock off some of America's favorite sons' crowns. In a short while every native son was busy with the gloves. It is needless to print what the results were. Australia was ready in a short while to send two first-class men to this country for every honor, from heavyweight down to bantamweight, and first-class men at that. The fighters that Australia sent to this country will go down in fistic history that will stand out for one hundred years, for the heavyweight championship, Peter Jackson, Frank P. Slavin, either one of whom could have defeated John L. Sullivan. For middleweight champions, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jim Hall and Dan Creedon; for welterweight, Tom Tracy; for lightweight, Young Griffo; for featherweights, Abe Willis, Jimmy Marshall and Pluto. The above fighters simply created a sensation in this country. Unfortunately, Jackson never got a chance at the championship. Fitzsimmons simply wiped everything off the globe. Dan Creedon would have done the same had he got the first chance, also Jim Hall. Tom Tracy was killed off by Walcott.

Fistic records will show that the army of fighters from Australia simply created a panic from the glove wielders' point of view. The pleasant part of it was they did not come to this country with that color line. In passing on Australia as the land of true sport, we have to-day a settled question that they don't care who the man is or what his color is; they are willing to pay to see him perform. One example was the Jack Johnson and Tommy Burns fight. They gave $75,000 to see that one-sided affair, without a murmur. Right now they are willing to give another $75,000 to see Johnson and McVea perform.

Now to the point. Would the American sporting public give half that much to see two foreign men fight in this country? Never. Has the American sporting world come near doing what the Australian sports have done—build a public monument for George Dixon, as the Australians did for Peter Jackson? Has any daily paper in this country attempted to do what the Melbourne Times is doing to-day, advocating a fund to take care of its broken-down fighters, sending tickets to any part of the globe to bring their battling heroes home? To-day there is a ticket awaiting Young Griffo to return to his native land when he tires of this country. When Jemmy Marshall died some years ago in Baltimore the Melbourne Times cabled the Baltimore Sun to see that Marshall had a decent funeral and send the bill of expense to the Melbourne Times. Although Marshall was American-born, he made his reputation in Australia, and went down in the Australian record as a native son. Would any American paper or any other country do as Australia has done and is doing today? Every one has to raise his hat to Australia, the lanad of fair field and no favors, regardless of race, color or creed; the land of real sport and sporting men.

"I KNEW IT."

The Black Man's Confidence.

SYDNEY, Australia.—"Yes, I knew it was going to be all over before twenty rounds had gone," said McVea, after the fight. "I didn't think I could settle Lang in two rounds, mind you, but I felt sure of getting away with him inside ten. I told Lester to back me to knock him out in ten rounds or less, and I told lots of other people to do the same. It was an easy matter for me to carry that out, as you saw—much easier than I thought it would be. But Lang is game. See how he came up after those two punches. Well, it just shows what kind of cast iron young Lester is made of, seeing he went the full distance."

TERRE HAUTE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Dr. D. A. Bethea has been elected vice president of the Vigo County Sunday School Association. Dr. Bethea has been assigned the work of organizing the colored Sunday school into more effective work....Mrs. R. C. Simpson has been appointed Grand Worthy Deputy Counselor of the Court of Calanthe. Mrs. Simpson has organized a juvenile department of the order in this city of 21 members. She is urging all the Pythians to allow their children to join.... The ministers banquet last Monday evening was a very fine affair. The Civic League under the presidency of Mr. David Jenkins, has outlined a great deal of work for this season.

MUNCIE, IND.

Special to THE FREEMAN:

A large party of friends gave a surprise on Miss Henrietta Bouyer, of Urbana, O., who is here visiting her father....Miss Lottie Davis got married Saturday morning, December 30 at 9 o'clock..Mrs. Jake Smith, of Indianapolis, is visiting Mrs. Albert Johnson, who will return home on New Year's day....Mr. Coleman and Mr. Evens, of Indianapolis, musical entertainers, played three nights in Muncie for three balls given by the white citizens of the city....Higginbottom and Jackson, of Dayton, O., musical entertainers, played spent Christmas with her parents and one night in Muncie....Mrs. Vish Sharp friends. She took Christmas dinner at Mr. and Mrs. Long's residence, 901 South Pennsylvania street. She stayed over and took New Year's dinner with her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. H, White.... The A. M. E. church quarterly meeting will be one week from Sunday....Every church in the city of Muncie began their simultaneous revival meeting from January 1st, and will continue about two weeks, each church expects to make a clean sweep of the year 1912....Miss Gertrude Valentine and Miss Minne Kelley gave a 6 o'clock dinner in honor of Mr. Russell Smith, of Indianapolis....Mr. and Mrs. Garrison, of Montpelier, Ind., passed through Muncie on their way to Louisville, Ky....Walter Rider is home from St. Joe, Mich....Miss Pearl Simson, of Lexington, Ky., will marry Mr. Ike Evans, of Muncie, on Thursday, January 4, 1912..The Pentenes Club gave a dance on New Years night....Marsh McCray, proprietor of the Favorite ice cream parlor, is doing quite a business....Miss Florence Hansbro entertained friends in honor of Mr. Huguene Powell Friday night....Mr. James Johnson gave a farewell dinner Sunday in honor of Mr. Powell. Covers were laid for seventeen....Miss Dorothy Williams has returned home after a very pleasant visit in Franklin....It is all right to make resolutions on New Years day, but you cant live right, if you break them, they say. This is more truth than poetry, says Mr. William Burgin, who wishes all a Happy New Year.

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CITY AND VICINITY.

Miss Laura Sample, of Minneapolis, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Settles.

Miss Emma Floyd will entertain the Elite Whist Club at her home on Yandes street, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. Milton Mills, whose death occurred in Denver, Colo., was buried from his home in California street, Monday afternoon.

Quite an enjoyable sleigh ride was given by Mr. Hays, principal of School No. 24, in honor of his sister, Monday evening.

Madam C. J. Walker, the noted hair culturist of this city, will leave this city for the South Saturday, January 13, for the benefit of her health. She will be gone ten or fifteen days. Will attend Farmers' Conference at Tuskegee during the trip.

Mrs. Elizabeth Johnson, 1935 Bellefontaine street, died last Tuesday. Her funeral took place Friday at her residence. Mrs. Johnson was a well-known charity worker; was long identified with the Alpha Home She was a Christian and a highly respected woman of the community.

Mr. and Mrs. Nick Rice, who recently omved in their newly purchased home, 1015 North West street, entertained a few friends in honor of Miss Lucreta Lawson in an after theater party Thursday evening, January 4. Mrs. Rice was formerly Miss Hager Hawkins.

PHILLIP'S CHAPEL COLORED M. E. CHURCH.

Drake and West Streets—Rev. J. L. Thompson, Pastor—Residence 940 Paca Street.

Sunday school, 9:30 a. m.; preaching, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.; class, Wednesday night. Church Aid meets with Mrs. Calvin Wilson, Tenth and Pratt streets, Thursday night.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank the friends and all the hotel men, the pallbearers and honorary pallbearers, also Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, of the Eureka Drug Store, for kindness and services given to the family of the late Milton Mills, 624 North California street. Especial thanks is extended to Rev. Herrod for his beautiful sermon, also Miss Grace Barber's renditions.

Milton Mills had made many friends, and their loss was shown in a beautiful broken wheel, given by the Claypool boys, also a large harp design from the Denison boys.

MRS. LYDA MILLS, Wife.
MRS. ANNA STEWART, Sister.
LAFAYETTE MILLS, Brother.

CLAYPOOL WAITERS TENDER RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF MILTON MILLS.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 8, 1912.

Whereas, God in His divine wisdom has removed our friend and co-laborer, Mr. Milton Mills, from the scene of action, and

Whereas, in him we lose a representative hotel employe, whose knowledge of hotel cuisine was gained by climbing the ladder of usefulness from humblest position to loftiest in gift of the management;

Resolved, That we, the waiters of the Claypool Hotel, feel keenly the loss of Milton, and hereby tender our sincere sympathy to his immediate family and relatives in this, their hour of bereavement.

Resolved, further, That a copy of these resolutions be given to the family and also published in The Indianapolis Recorder and The Freeman.

Milton was always kind, obliging, dutiful, and was held in high esteem by his employer, Mr. Lawrence, whose private waiter he was before leaving for the West to regain his health.

His brother waiters will always retain in their hearts for him a warm place.

Peace be to his ashes.

OSCAR RUSSELL,
For the Waiters.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

The Walker Theater will be used again by the Colored Men's Branch of the Y. M. C. A. for the "Monster Meeting" on next Sunday, and a large crowd is expected, at which time Dr. Chas. Woods, secretary of the Board of Health, will address the men on the subject, "The Plagues of Society." Dr. Woods has been used each year at the "Big Meeting" at English's Opera House, which is conducted by the Central Association, and always draws a full house, and it is expected that when he comes to the "Monster Meeting," the colored men of the city will show their appreciation by turning out in large numbers to hear him. Dr. Woods is an authority on social matters and his address will be exclusively for men. No boys under sixteen years of age will be admitted, and fathers are requested not to bring their sons with them on this day, as they will not be admitted. No right-thinking man should miss this splendid opportunity of hearing one of the strongest addresses that has ever been made before the "Monster Meeting." The doors of the theater will be opened promptly at 3 o'clock. Music will be rendered by the Y. M. C. A. Band, under the direction of Mr. M. H. Minton. In addition to the plendid address of Dr. Woods, Mr. A. A. Taylor will give several readings, some of them being of his own composition. All men are invited and urged to be present promptly on time, as the program will begin as advertised.

An organization known as the "I Got One" Club was perfected on last Tuesday night, at the Y. M. C. A. building. No man is eligible for membership in it without he has at some time secured one or more members. The officers are: Mr. C. C. Bowers, president, and Mr. F. B. Ransom, secretary. The organization meets on next Tuesday night, and any member of the association can qualify for membership by bringing at least one new member into the association. The object the organization is to increase the membership of the association, and to that end they have begun work. A large chart has been prepared and posted in the building, with the names of the members upon it, and as each member reports the result of his work, a star corresponding to the number of members secured is placed beside his name. The membership rates during this campaign are to remain the same as formerly, being $2 cash for full membership or $3 on the installment plan, payable $1 down and the balance inside of thirty days.

The Tuesday night Bible Class, which meets every Tuesday evening at 6:15 for supper, followed by a Bible study, invites all men to join with them. Dr. Weaver is the teacher and Mr. F. B. Ransom is the president of the class. The class session adjourns at 8 o'clock, thus permitting any man to keep any other engagements that he may have for the evening.

DALLAS, TEX.

H. R. Dixon and G. Israel to Open a Playhouse—Gambling and Policy Must Cease—Courts Working Overtime—Religious Movement Stirring People.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The race needs place builders everywhere....The Penny Savings Bank will declara a dividend to its stockholders on January 20, 1912....The Fraternal Bank at Fort Worth is doing business and ask you for some of your earnings to save for these rainy days when times are hard and close....Mr. Burl Hendricks, one of Dallas business men, is expecting to promote an athletic club in the city to be composed of men who desire to put themselves in a good physical condition of the manly art of ring bouts with the gloves. ....Mr. John W. Fowler, on Cochran street, asks for a share of your wood business....A Negro park is claiming some of the city commissioners' attention and is much needed here because of the fact that the colored people have no park to go to for an outdoor entertainment.... Put it donwn that January 29 is the night that all the loyal citizens together with the Courts of Calanthias and the brave knights wil assemble at Castle Hall on Main street to feast and congratulate Capt. oJhn L. Jones, of this city, who tkes the office of Brigadier General of Texas at the head of the Uniform department. It is the hope of the committees of the various lodges that this will mark a new era in starting the uniform department of Texas upward as it is in other states, and each and every one is earnestly asked to secure invitations and help to make this congratulatory entertainment the largest in attendance ever held in the city of Dallas. Do your part and success will certainly come. Music and refreshments, together with the state's best orators will make up the ceremonies for this worthy occasion....The Lewis Dry Goods Company have incorporated under the laws of Texas and asks you to share the profits earned. A visit will convince you that they are doing a fine business and need your help....The days of thecheap Negro excursions have gone. The sister hunting class of Negro preachers and Bible beating parsons is fast fading away. Each member of the race is called on to help do their part towards creating an avenue of business to employ some one. Are you ready, Mr. Pegtops and Big Talker. If not The Freeman advises you to get busy....Mr. Cupid had a busy time of it last year, but Mr. Stork fell short on his visits. But this being leap year many great things are predicted that will shock the many....Mr. Essie Richard has opened the Rusk Co. bar at 2609 Elm street.... Mr. J. H. Anderson, the barber, can be found next door, 2069 1-2 Elm street.... Mr. Henry Taylor, of Oak Cliff, passed away and his remains were shipped to Terrell for interment....Mr. George A. Brown is waiting for a leap year proposal, he told the reporter the other day.... Mr. James R. Sanders was the happy resipient of many congratulations on his twenty-fourth birthday....Mr. A. W. Maxan, of Witchita Falls, spent several days here visiting the past week....Mr. R. H. Claypool spent several days here on business from Oklahoma....Mr. John Maderson, the plunger, wishes The Freeman continued growth here in the metropolis....Pay your poll tax, build your sidewalks so that that your mail will be readily delivered to your door without interruption....Mr. E. J. French is with us again from Kansas City....Mrs. Hattie Garrett is visiting relatives in Austin. ....Lieutenant Prince Whitton and wife are home from Calvert and Bryant, where they were called to attend the funeral of Mrs. Pierce Whitton....Dr. M. H. Leach has fitted up a suite of offices in the building corner San Jacinto and North Central avenue, where he wishes his patrons to call in the future....The reporter wishes to thank the several firms here for their kind remembrance and appreciation to the great good that they expressed towards The Freeman continued success in Dallas by sending their New Yaer calendars, and may you all continue to grow....Dr. A. N. Prince, of Sherman, and several of his cabinet members of the Knights of Pythias, spent some time here looking after some land interests pertaining to the Grand Jurisdiction of the state and it is the hope of the many Pythians that all will brighten soon....The removal of garbage in the colored districts is a source of some complaint by many and has caused some uneasiness. While the health department of the city claims that many places are not sanitary in the districts largely populated only by members of the race, the cleaning up process has begun and one can see the results have been to check the spread of that deaded disease, cebra spinal menigitis from which several have died in the past few weeks. Every doctor of the race have been giving their aid and counsel to the people while our druggists have contributed their part to the commonwealth and the needy. Hoping to have no cause for an exodus of the populace it is said by many who are in touch with the situation that there is no cause for any further alarm. Keep cleaned up....It is very gratifying to note that many men and women of the race are practicing and doing the larger portion of their trading with the men of the race in business who are striving to keep the needs of the people on hand at all times in their stores. ....Let J. G. 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STAGE NOTES.

Mr. Henry R. Dixon and Mr. George Israel have interested capitalist to the tune of an improved ideal modern vaudeville house for Dallas, just opposite the present one. The plans are in the hands of the contractors and carpenters are daily at work. When completed its interior will be a dream according to the plans. tI will be a popular priced house and will play some of Mr. Dixon's best plays that have always pleased our people. They also desire to secure new talent for open dates.

We are always glad to greet the locals and professional talent on or off the stage. It is one's best chance to study the performers and talk along business lines. Mr. S. A. Austin, at the Grand Central, is one easy to approach on any line. Mr. Francis Manly, Mr. George Coleman, Mr. Harrison Blackburn, Mr. King Dodo and others are ever ready to welcome the reporter. The management has learned that The Freeman helps to spread good cheer everywhere and for everybody is the dope is right.

HENDERSON, KY.

The Young Men's Business League held its mass meeting January 1, 1912. Dr. Jas H. Letcher, president of the local white Y. M. C. A., and Mr. Burdette, the secretary, addressed them and expressed their willingness to render any assistance. They were also addressed by a number of the leading colored citizens. It was decided that the city be districted and a house to house canvass be made for membership and to create an interest in the work. The next meeting will be held Friday, aJnuary 12, at the First Baptist Church. tI is to be hoped that the ministers, churches, lodges and citizens in general will take a lively interest in this work....Domestic Science will be installed in the Alves street school in about two weeks. Mrs. Rosa E. Cabell has been elected as teacher....One of the most delightful social events of the season was the birthday party given by Mrs. E. H. Brown in honor of her son, Mr. Andrew Brown, Tuesday, January 2. Quite a number of young people were present.... Mrs. oJsie (Gardner) Smith, of St. Louis, is in the city the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Abner Gardner....Rev. J. M. Mundy is ill at his home, 1108 North Elm street....Rev. G. T. Anderson is able to be out again....M. S. Y. Jones is slowly improving....Prof. J. W. Hays has taken possession of his new home on Clay street....Prof. T. D. Bryant has returned from a delightful visit to his old home in Tennessee....The Dunbar Literary Society of the Douglass High School will give a rhetorical Friday, January 12. There will be a debate: Resolved, That Women Have Contributed More to Christian Civilization Than Men. Affirmatives, Misses Emma Carr and LaVetta Jones. Negative, Messrs Starling Carr and Henry Rhea. The public is always invited.... Mrs. Mary Eliza Saulsberry is on the sick list....Misses Cora and Clara Wade, who have been attending Hampton Institute, Hampton, Va., have returned to the city.

GEORGE W. SMITH WILL IS PROBATED.

Land to Be Divided Ten Years After Wife's Death.

Champaign, Ill., Special.

The will of the late George W. Smith, the well-known colored man of Broadlands, was admitted to probate in the county court Wednesday, January 3. The estate was valued at $116,000, of which $6,00 is personal. The will directs that the personal property be sold and the proceeds used to pay a balance due on the purchase of eighty acres of land. The balance, if any, is to be divided as follows: One-third to the widow and the balance to be divided among the children—A. A. Gaines, Fred L. Smith, Solona E. Sexon, Charles A. Smith, Anna S. Neal, Willaim Walter Smith and John W. Smith. The widow, Mary Elizabeth Smith, is given the use of the home and the proceeds from eighty acres of land during her lifetime. The will directs that John W., a son, should live with his mother during her lifetime and care for her. Then he is to receive in addition to his proportionate share of the estate such a sum for his services as the executor deems reasonable. The testator left 440 acres of land, and ten years after the death of the wife this land will be divided among the children. The executors named are Albert Gaines Smith, Charles A. Smith, William Walter Smith and John W. Smith. The will was made on November 30, 1910, and witnessed by Will A. Cooley, Joseph E. Johnson and T. A. Dicks. The bonds of the executors were placed at $12,000. The executors are to act as trustees and care for the estate until it is time to divide it. The A. A. Gaines named in petition to probate is the same person mentioned in the will as Albert Gaines Smith. He is a stepson of the decedent. George W. Smith was born December 3, 1836, in McHenry county, Tenessee, and died December 29, 1911.

Mr. Smith was a well-respected man. His children are Fred L., of Omaha, Neb.; Mrs. S. Sexton, of St. Louis; Mrs. Anna Neal, of Broadlands; A. A. Gaines, a stepson, of Broadlands; Walter Smith, of Philadelphia, Pa.; Charles and John, of Broadlands.

The funeral was held at 10 o'clock on Monday morning from the Methodist Episcopal Church, Rev. J. A. Patrick officiating. Interment at Fairfield cemetery. Mrs. Hines and Myrtle Moss, of Champaign, attended the funeral.

During the slavery period Mr. Smith with his brother and sister was sold. He was a miller by trade. In 1862 he ran away and joined the Union army. He served as a guide for General Logan in Tennessee. After losing his health he went to Springfield and began farming. He was married to Mary Elizabeth Gaines thirty years ago. He bought a portion of the Broadlands tract of land and since then he resided there until his death. He wos the owner of 440 acres of land.

BELOIT, WIS.

Allen Horn, janitor of the Free Press Building, recently received a telegram advising him of the death of his father, Henry Horn, at Sailors' Rest, Tenn., and he left immediately to attend the funeral. The news came as a great shock, the more so because a letter received earlier in the day reported every one well and happy over the remembrances he had sent them for Christmas. The father was seventy-two years of age....Mrs. Caroline Slaughter returned to Louisville, Ky., after having attended the funeral of her daughter, Mrs. Sandy Gupton....The K. Y. Club has issued invitations for a leap year ball to be given in Fenton Hall Thursday evening. This is the second of a series of dancing parties to be given by the club. ....Miss Edna Strothers has returned to her home from Chicago, Ill., where she spent the holidays visiting with friends and relatives....Mr. Harry Gupton was a Chicago visitor Saturday....Mr. H. T. West, who has resided at 1034 East Brant street for the last two or three years, now resides at 822 Park avenue....We expect to secure a Masonic lodge in this city some time later on.

SHEFFIELD (ALA.) NOTES.

The Young People's Club entertained Mrs. Lillian Sims, of Indianapolis, Ind., at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Moore on Nineteenth street, Thursday evening, January 4. The occasion was quite an enjoyable one....Mr. Cal. Wilson, who has been quite ill for some time, has returned home from Decatur, where he has been undergoing treatment at the W. E. Sterrus Infirmary. He is much improved.

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REV. W. H. HILL, D. D.

The position to which Rev. W. H. Hill, D. D., the distinguished young evangelist, has attained during the past few years, is one that places him in the very front rank of ministers of this age, and his success should prove that he is one of the most generously and uniquely gifted preachers and singers now before the public.

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While pastoring in Pittsburg, Pa., this young man was often called out to conduct revival meetings, meeting with great success, despite the fact that he was succeeding as a pastor and leader in Pittsburg. It yet remained for God to convince Dr. Hill and the public that he could positively do more good and lead many more souls to Christ as a general evangelist. He persistently refused for years to listen to proposals of this nature from any source, but he has at last been won over to "the exclusive soul-winning business."

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To enter this field Dr. Hill resigned a prosperous church in Pittsburg, against the protests of all the members. He comes recommended by scores of the leading ministers, both white and colored, laymen, business men and churches of this country. At present he is conducting revival meetings at the Union Tabernacle Baptist Church, corner Senate and St. Clair, of Indianapolis, Ind., with great success. "He is delivering stirring gospel messages and no one can sit under the sound of this God-sent man's voice, so great in intellectual attainment, persuasive eloquence, wonderful in moral heroism, filled with Christ-like humility, without being moved." "He is a word painter, a pleasing, powerful orator and a good singer."

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